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"Older than the New York Times"

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Spectator writer Pat Hodgens '09 contemplates the challenging task before him at the first weekly pizza-eating contest at The Pizza Place in Clinton. See story page 2.

Fitness Center near completion

by Greg Stathes '07
NEWS WRITER

After numerous delays that have pushed back its opening by about a month, Hamilton College's new fitness center is scheduled to open to all staff and students "soon after fall break," according to Director of Fitness Center and Campus Wellness David Thompson.

The Charlean and Wayland Blood Fitness and Dance Center was supposed to open for business at the beginning of this school year, and had an earlier estimated completion date of this coming Monday, September 25, but due to problems obtaining the needed building materials, the project's deadline was pushed back. However, with the impending opening of the new and greatly improved fitness center, will no longer be any reason that Hamilton students will not be able to work off the extra pounds they have accumulated in September. Thompson feels that the finished center will be well worth the wait because soon "Hamilton [will] probably [have] the best fitness center in the NESCACs," says Thompson.

Like the old fitness center, the Blood Fitness Center will have a wide selection and variety of cardiovascular and weight machines, but the Blood Fitness Center will include a juice bar, a climbing wall, a dance studio and more. In order to properly store the new equipment and areas, the floor space has more than tripled from 2800 square feet to 9600 square feet; this extra space has allowed for 15 more cardio machines. Despite all the added

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The view from the cardio-atrium in the new Blood Fitness Center. The atrium also contains a climbing wall.

Clinton under boil water order for two days

by Laura Trubiano '07
NEWS EDITOR

Thursday, September 14 was a busy day for any Clinton stores selling bottled water. Residents and businesses using Clinton's closed water system were informed via reverse-911 calls on Thursday morning that the Village was under a "boil water order" due to the detection of E.coli bacteria in the system. The notice sent out to the media instructed customers to "bring all water to a boil…or use bottled water certified for sale by the New York Department of Health. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice." The order lasted until 10 a.m. on Friday. Hamilton is part of the Mohawk Valley Water Authority System and was not affected.

"E.coli is a bacterium common to the human body," explained Ken Fanelli, public information officer for the Oneida County Health Department. E.coli is present in our intestines and its presence in the water indicated that the water might have been contaminated with human or animal wastes. According to the boil water order notice, microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches or other symptoms. "Most times, [this sickness] is an inconvenience more than an illness," said Fanelli; but it is a much larger risk for infants and young children, the elderly and anyone with a compromised

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All residents and businesses in Clinton had to boil water or buy bottled water after E.coli was found in the closed water system.

The college Facebook frenzy

by Chelsea Mann '09
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

Welcome to Facebook.com, the online social network where, in just a few clicks of my mouse, I can access your personal information and determine your character. If your wall posts exceed 600, then you must be popular. If you're partying in photos, then you've got a wild side. If you're interning at the White House, then your career path looks promising. If your relationship status seeks "Anything I can get," then you must be desperate. Sound familiar? Admit it or not, at one time or another, we have all judged our peers based on their Facebook profiles. Even worse, instead of chatting by phone or visiting friends, we now connect behind screens and subsequently fade from the public scene. Clearly, Facebook has done more than "poke" its users. It has turned us into addicts, snoopers and hermits.

Who is the face behind facebook.com? Twenty-two-year-old Mark Zuckerberg '06-'07, a former Harvard student, launched the site on Feb. 4, 2004 with the intention of creating a simple online directory that would help him

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Students attempt Pizza Place's first weekly Super Pie Challenge

by Pat Hodgens '09
NEWS WRITER

"My heart hurts," moaned participant Jacob Murray '09.

Murray, along with at least four other Hamilton students, took on the Pizza Place's Super Pie Challenge and attempted to eat the famous Super Pie by himself. The rules for the contest are simple: You've got 45 minutes from your first bite to finish. You must sit alone, you can't go outside or to the bathroom, and what goes down must stay down. The prize: one free large pizza every week for the rest of the semester.

The Super Pie is 8 slices, 24 inches, and 6 pounds of cheese, bread and sauce (and grease). Out of the four Hamilton students who attempted the inaugural challenge, none were successful. One bowed out, and the other three were disqualified for failing to abide by the "what goes down, must stay down" rule. Fortunately, the Pizza Place generously provides buckets free of charge.

Performing the brand of hard-hitting journalism that *The Spectator* is known for, I went undercover to report from the inside. I bought a Super Pie and attempted the challenge. The first five minutes went well: I quickly ate two slices and was feeling fine. After slice three though, I hit the wall. Right before slice four, I hit the bucket.

"Screw the HamTrek, this is the ultimate test of endurance," claims Steve Allinger '09.

No one, so far, has passed that test, although Pizza Place employees claim it's only a matter of time. Not everyone agrees, including Pizza Place owner Don Foster.

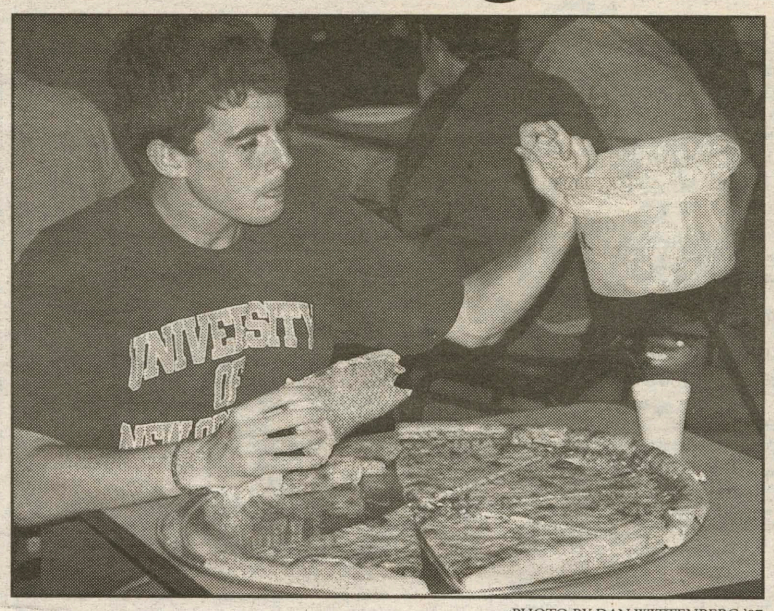
"I think six is the limit," he claims, but he would like to see somebody finish it.

"I think it's impossible. I can barely finish one slice of that thing," said Allie Lopez '09.

Emily Chamberlain '09, an observer at the event, agreed. "I don't know if it's possible to fit six pounds of pizza in a person's stomach."

Others were less incredulous."It might be possible, but why would you want to try?" wondered Sarah Mortati '08.

The contest started this Tuesday and will run every week. To participate, students can go to the Pizza Place in downtown Clinton anytime from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on a Tuesday night.



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Hodgens clutches his second Super Pie slice in one hand and his bucket, provided by the Pizza Place, in the other.

"I think it went very well," said owner Foster. "It seemed like everybody had a good time."

Participant Jacob Murray '09 had a great time.

"I was glad I did it," he said, "but there's no way I'd try it again. It may seem like it's possible, but it's not. You'd have to weigh 300 hundred pounds."

Although no one finished the challenge, the participants didn't leave completely empty-handed. The Pizza Place raffled off one free large pizza among the four competitors.

Many Hamilton students are planning to take on the challenge.

"I'm doing it next week. I think it'd be awesome for the bragging rights," Tyler Zink '07.

Pizza Place is located at 7 Taylor Ave, behind the Nice N Easy and across from the Dunkin Donuts. Their number is 315-853-2100.

Competitive Eating **DO**'s and **DON'T**'s

Thinking of trying the Super Pie Challenge? Here are some tips from the experts.

DON'T fast too much. Not eating for days before the attempt will cause your stomach to shrink.

DO drink a lot of water. Drinking a lot of water stretches the stomach, prepping it.

DON'T be fat. According to the "Fat Belt" theory, a big gut limits your stomach's elasticity.

Historians debate Hamilton and Jefferson

by Kara Labs '09
NEWS WRITER

Believe it or not, the ideologies of the esteemed Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson were not always that similar. In fact they were at times they were completely opposite.

On Saturday, September, 16 in the Hamilton College Chapel, a panel of three professors debated the politics, personalities and passions of Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson, and directly following there was a question and answer period. This event was sponsored by the Sigma Phi Educational Foundation. Sigma Phi is celebrating their 175th anniversary since its inception on the Hill in conjunction with the 175th National Convention held in Utica on September 15 and 16. Present in the Chapel was director of Sigma Phi, Brendon Curdy. Professor of History at Hamilton and co-author of the book, "The Many Faces of Alexander Hamilton," Douglas Ambrose introduced the three panelists. He stated in his opening remark that even today people can be seen as either Jeffersonian or Hamiltonian in their beliefs, just like Americans in the late 1700s.

Next, James Read, associate professor of political science at the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University of Minnesota, explained some of the differences between Hamilton and Jefferson. He first stated that, when the country was in its infancy, there was an exorbitant amount of crucial decisions that needed to be made. Hamilton and Jefferson, in working together, had a way of, "heightening conflicts and keeping them in bounds so that the Constitution would survive," stated Read.

He went on to describe some of the differences the leaders had over the interpretation of the Constitution. Jefferson believed that the Constitution was a strict and precise set of rules while Hamilton believed that it laid out a broad set of guidelines which should left up to the leaders to interpret. In regard to the Republic, Hamilton thought that state officials should be trusted by the people and could be kept on a long leash. Jefferson thoroughly disagreed, saying that citizens should be jealous of their rights and liberties. In terms of the economy, Hamilton thought that the government should be a driving force behind the economy whereas Jefferson strongly believed that free economic farmers were the key to a prosperous future. These were just some of the ideas that Jefferson and Hamilton disagreed on.

These two early leaders of the Republic also had opinions about each other, however Read believes that Hamilton's opinion of Jefferson was far more accurate than Jefferson's opinion of Hamilton. Jefferson said of Hamilton, "[he] is not only a monarchist but a man headed for disaster," restates Read. However, at that time Hamilton compared Jefferson to Aaron Burr, ironically saying that Burr would be even more dangerous than Jefferson and would try to overthrow the government if he had the chance. Read wrapped up by saying that the public's confidence in the government and the concept of jealously keeping the government close has been a dilemma since September 11, 2001. But, when the United States was in its infancy, the two leaders did not let their differences kill the republic that they loved.

Next to take the podium was West Point Professor of History Robert McDonald, who talked in general about Thomas Jefferson. McDonald is tied to Thomas Jefferson in more ways than one and he went on to explain how. He graduated from the University of Virginia and now is a professor at West Point; both of these institutions were put into place through the efforts of Jefferson. McDonald began his argument by reciting an elaborate list of Thomas Jefferson's positive qualities. Some of these are: he had the largest private library at the time, he knew six different languages, he could play the violin, he grew thirty-two varieties of peas, he was a member of the House of Burgesses, the governor of Virginia, third president, and the second vice president of the United States. This proves that he was indeed quite an accomplished man.

McDonald then put Jefferson in a more realistic light saying that he was a real man, with real principles, who dealt with real conflicts. Hamilton and Jefferson saw advancement in two different places. Jefferson saw advancement in the West and Hamilton in the East. Jefferson expanded to the East and purchased Louisiana from France. He believed that farmers, who were self-sufficient, self-reliant and deeply rooted in society, should be the backbone of the economy and more land would lead to more farms and a strong economy. Hamilton looked to the East and foreign countries when he considered economic expansion. But, Jefferson wanted to insulate the United States from foreign problems because he felt that it was too soon after the Revolutionary War to look for large amounts of foreign help. McDonald said Jefferson did what was best for the Republic when it was in its infancy. McDonald concluded his twenty minutes with a heartfelt quotation. He explained that John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died on the same day, July 4, 1826, and John Adams' last words were, "Thomas Jefferson survives." McDonald added, "I would like to think in some ways he was right."

Hamilton Associate Professor of Government Rob Martin was the last to take the stand. He focused mostly on Alexander Hamilton and thought it was only too appropriate that Alexander got the last word. As was previously stated, Hamilton believed that the public should have confidence in the government and trust it to make the right decisions. For example, declaring war would be an act that requires complete confidence and trust in the national leader. In the early years of the Constitution men had to sign up to join the militia and in order to garner support and raise an army there must be a government had to have the trust of its people. Hamilton thought that the people should be careful about what they say about the government. This could have negative consequences, as we have seen today with government figures such as Bill Clinton and Tom Delay, Martin stated. He went on to say that even today the press is unreliable and sometimes prints things that the readers cannot believe. Since the government then was in its infancy, it was fragile and at the time no one knew in what direction the United States was headed.

The Blood Fitness Center: A sneak preview

It won't be open until after Fall Break, but *The Spectator* got an inside look

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stations and space, Thompson is still "curious to see how this will handle the usual rush hour."

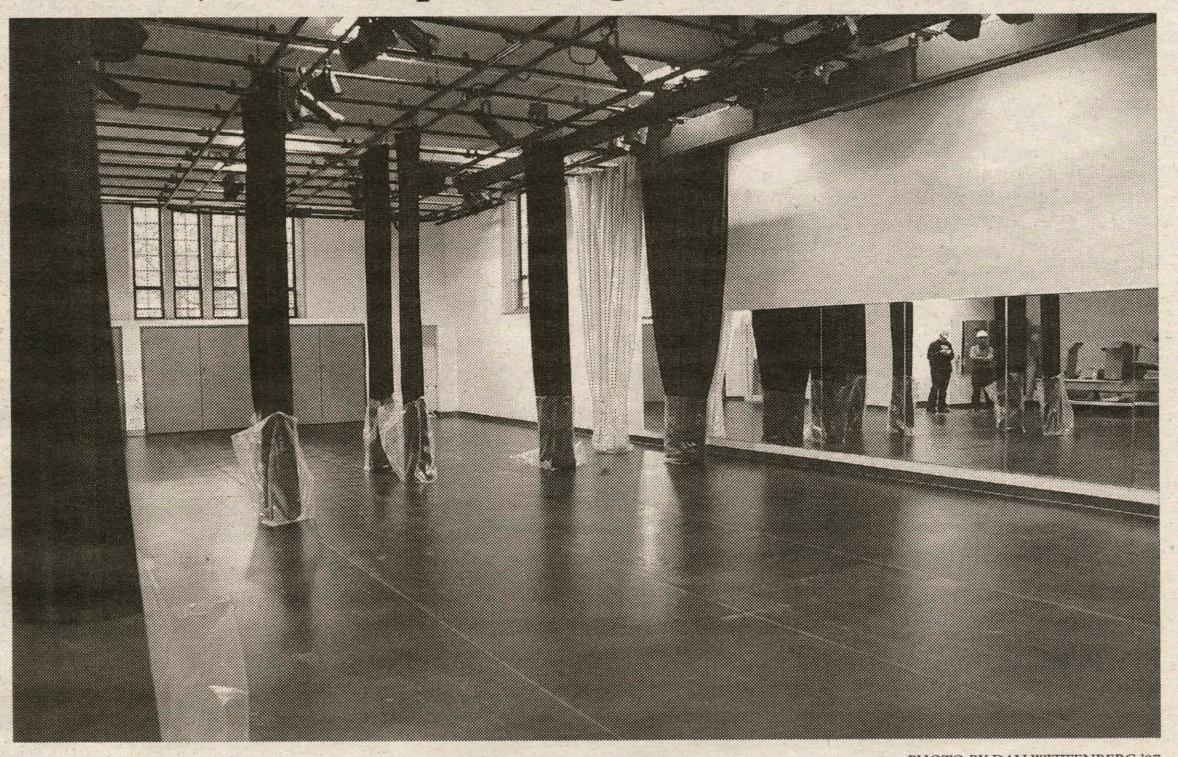
Not only are there more cardio machines, but they are situated in what Thompson calls the "cardio atrium." The atrium contains will not only the cardio machines and some weight machines, but also the much anticipated climbing wall. For those who simply want to run on the treadmill or use the elliptical machines, there is a great view of the football field through the all-glass western wall. There will also be several large flat panel televisions along the glass wall and students will be able to plug their headphones into their workout machines to listen to their favorite shows. As if this was not nice enough, the machines closest to the glass wall will have their own personal 14-inch flat-televisions because the larger televisions cannot be easily seen from them.

In the front of the building there will be the brand new juice bar. This area will be furnished with televisions, comfortable chairs and couches, and a variety of healthy snacks and drinks that will help give the students the energy need to make full use of the athletic facilities. One of Thompson's goals with the juice bar is to not only have the fitness center be a place where students can workout, but also to be a place where students can hang out during the day and be another social hub on campus.

There will also be more space for athletic activities. "Groups that used to have to find a corner of the gym or an empty squash court now have their own dedicated space," says Thompson. This new space is a 2,000 square foot multipurpose room that is suitable for numerous activities, both old and new. Classes for yoga, pilates, kickboxing, tae kwon do and others can be held in the new multipurpose room. By adding new athletic classes to the fitness center, Thompson hopes to change it from being merely seen as a college gym to becoming the fitness center for the campus and he also wants to stress that "there's something here for everyone here."

Of course, large sections of the gym will be dedicated to both free and machine weights. Not only has the space for weight lifting been greatly increased, but much of the equipment will be brand new, with minimal used equipment being moved from the old facilities to the new. Thompson feels that "it is the combination of the dance studio, the climbing wall and the weights that makes this place so great, [and will make] this something [Hamilton] can be proud of."

With the dramatic expansion of the athletic and fitness facilities, there is no reason not to go to the gym after fall break, even if it is to hang out with friends in the juice bar or simply to walk on a treadmill for a few minutes. For those more serious about getting in shape, or those who simply do not know their way around a weight room or elliptical machine, a personal trainer is offered for a small fee. Given all the options soon to be open to Hamilton students and faculty, Thompson says, "there is no excuse not to be in great shape."



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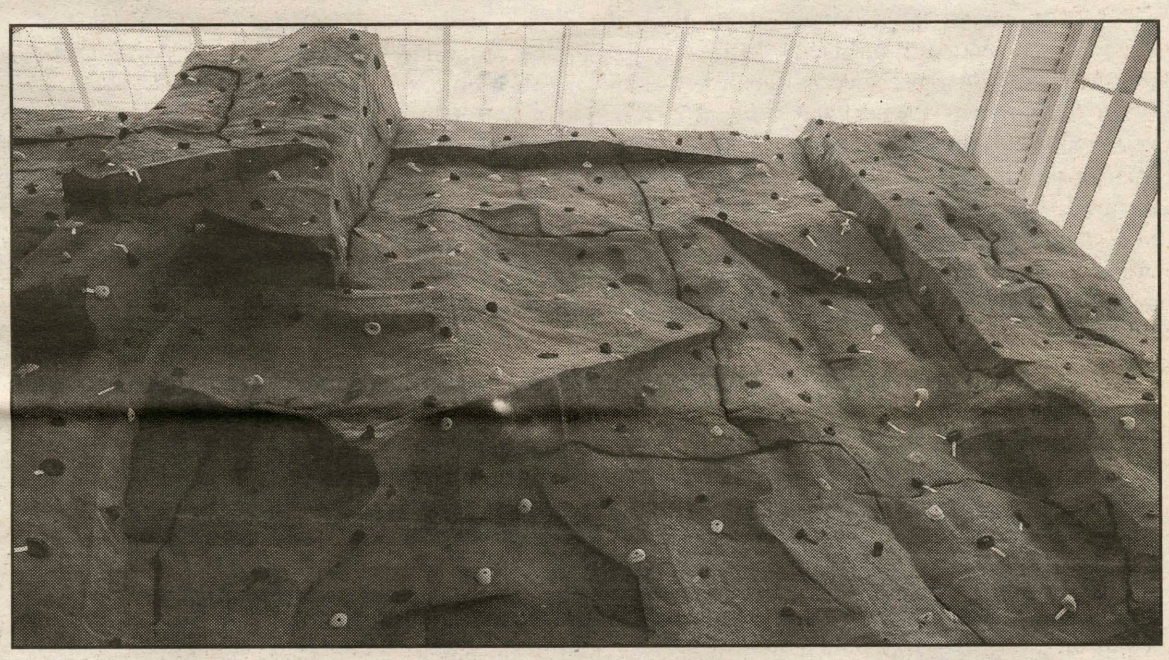
The brand new dance studio in the Blood Fitnes and Dance Center.



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The climbing wall, located in the new cardio atrium.

English delivers Couper lecture, advocates for open access to scholarly communication

by Emily Poe '10
NEWS WRITER

"It's a pleasure to be here at Hamilton today," said Ray English, head librarian at Oberlin College and leading advocate of open access to scholarly communication, as he stepped out in front of many distinguished Hamilton faculty, guests and students this past Friday. As the speaker for this year's Richard W. Couper and Phi Beta Kappa Lecture, which was held in the Science Center Auditorium, English discussed the impact of the rising cost of scholarly communication on institutional libraries, such as Hamilton's Burke Library.

English began his lecture by discussing the heavy monetary burden scholarly communication, such as published journals, places on institutional libraries. " The most important issue that academic libraries face is scholarly communication," said English. "[Because] publishing knowledge is growing faster than library budgets." Specifically, English noted that the annual price increase for library journals is now at 8 percent, a drastic increase from about 20 years ago. English blames both a surge in information and a "publisher monopoly" for these climbing prices.

"Higher priced journals tend to be published by commercial firms," said English. " [And with an] inelastic market, publishers have pricing power and higher profit margins."

Along with English's disapproval of the monopolizing effect publishers have had on institutional library's funds, he also commented on the negative effect of rising scholarly communication prices on access to library information in general. During his presentation, English stated, "Libraries [have been] forced to cut subscriptions or reduce book buying in order to spend more on journals." Thus, libraries are " losing access to desired literature," said English, because they are trying to compensate for rising journal prices.

After discussing the problems that limited access has created, English described some alternative solutions to presenting scholarly communication without the excessive cost. One solution English advocated is that authors deposit their articles in open access depositories, which would be federally funded and thus free to authors, readers, professors and students alike. This solution has been proposed not only by English, but also on a national level, as the Federal Research Public Access Act of 2006, which was introduced in May of 2006 by Senators John Coryn (R) and Joe Lieberman (D). The bill would allow federally funded journal articles to be put in a free, open access depository after six months of being issued. In addition to this proposed act, English also noted a few other recently proposed resolutions, such as the use of non-commercial publishers in journal distribution.

Although English's lecture lasted only two hours, the information he gave to students, faculty and guests has sparked a continued interest within the Hamilton community concerning the problem of limited access.

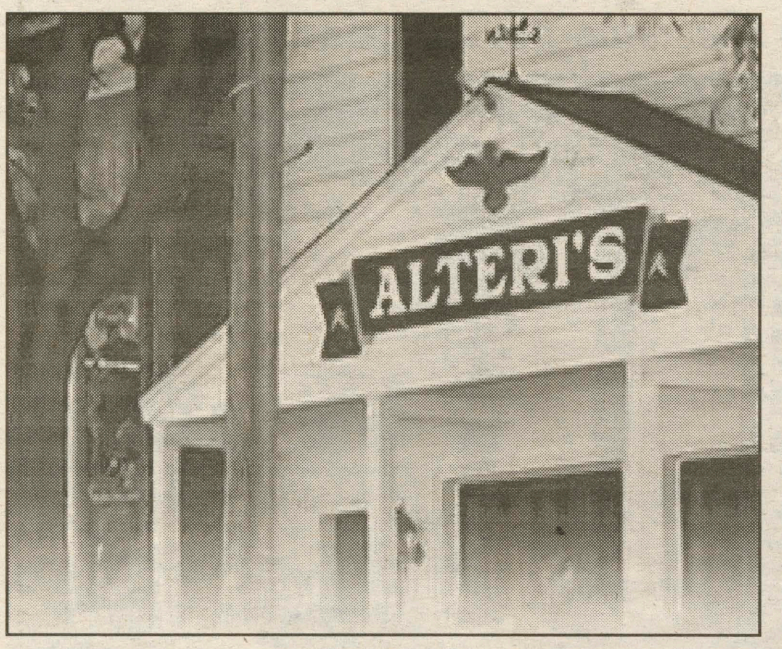
" It was important to have him here to start a conversation [between the faculty] that I could continue," said Head Hamilton Librarian Randall Ericson. Faculty members that attended the lecture have indeed benefited from listening to English's thoughts and ideas.

" I thought he raised some really good points," said Professor of Chemistry Timothy Elgren, who agrees that if publications don't " have our (scholars') goodwill, they have nothing to sell."

"I was very interested to hear him," said Patrick Reynolds, professor of biology and head of the biology department. Reynolds, also the editor-in-chief of the scholarly journal *Invertebrate Biology*, said that although he sympathizes with the monetary pressures some commercial publishers have placed on institutional libraries, he also feels that publications, such as his, do in fact need" someone with expertise to help publish everything, especially electronically."

After concluding his lecture, English commenced his presentation by giving the audience hand outs filled with information concerning open access as they exited the science auditorium on Friday afternoon, free of charge, of course.

Clinton E.coli scare



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Alteri's bought ice, bottled water and soda in order to stay open during the boil water order.

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immune system, he explained.

The E.coli in the Clinton water was discovered during a routine testing of water samples taken on Monday. One of the three samples came back positive for E.coli, and on Wednesday evening the Village decided to declare the boil water warning while more samples were being analyzed, said Mayor of Clinton Robert G. Goering. The Village and the Oneida County Health Department collected more samples from different sections of the water system to be tested on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning.

Because it takes 24 hours to get the laboratory results back, Clinton was put under the boil water order indefinitely. "All businesses were affected," said Goering. "Everyone that has a permit to sell food was notified on Wednesdy." The Dunkin Donuts was closed "simply for precautionary reasons," said a manager. Others chose to remain open and work with what was available. Alteri's, on College Hill Road, was one restaurant that stayed open.

"We got bagged ice, bottled soda, threw away some lettuce and celery, boiled everything… used bleach in the water for cleaning," said Lisa Burns, a manager. "You don't realize how much water you use until you can't use it!"

Clinton schools were also affected. Officials covered all drinking fountains to keep students from drinking the water and cafeterias boiled all water before use and supplied bottled water for drinking, according to a September 15 Utica Oneida-Dispatch article.

According to Goering, the first results of the water tests came back negative for E.coli late Thursday afternoon, but officials waited for the rest of the results to come back clean on Friday morning before calling off the boil water order at 10 a.m. "Repeated tests showed acceptable levels," said Fanelli. Both Goering and Fanelli said they had not heard any reported cases of illness due to this contamination, which seemed to be contained on the outskirts of the system. "[The E.coli] was apparantly limited to specific sections of the system…almost at the end of the water system," Fanelli said.

Water systems are ordinarily tested quarterly by the Health Department. According to Fanelli, they will take more samples from the Clinton water system next month to assure it is safe.

This was the first time in 34 years Clinton has had to institute a boil water order. But Goering said the whole process ran as smoothly as could have been hoped. "Were we prepared for it? Yes, we were," he said. "The folks that operate out water system handled it very well, very professionally."

Judge Robertson discusses impact of John Cooke

by Alex Morgan '09
NEWS WRITER

Judge Geoffrey Robertson, author and internationally recognized human rights attorney, spoke at Hamilton on Tuesday about the importance and challenges of bringing tyrants before a court of law.

Robertson has been involved in the trials of Augusto Pinochet, head of a military council that led Chile from 1973 to 1990 and Saddam Hussein, the former president of Iraq. He was recently named appeals judge for the trial of Liberian dictator Charles Taylor.

Robertson's most recent book, "The Tyrannicide Brief", recounts the story of solicitor general John Cooke, who prosecuted Charles I for treason, and was the basis for the majority of his lecture.

"John Cooke contributed to the end of impunity," said Robertson. "He was a remarkable man who not only prosecuted Charles I, but was also the first to establish the right to silence in 1646."

Cooke was a self-made success story. As a sharecropper's son, Cooke was not initially destined for the legal profession, dominated by men with family connections, but he was intelligent and through hard work entered Warren College.

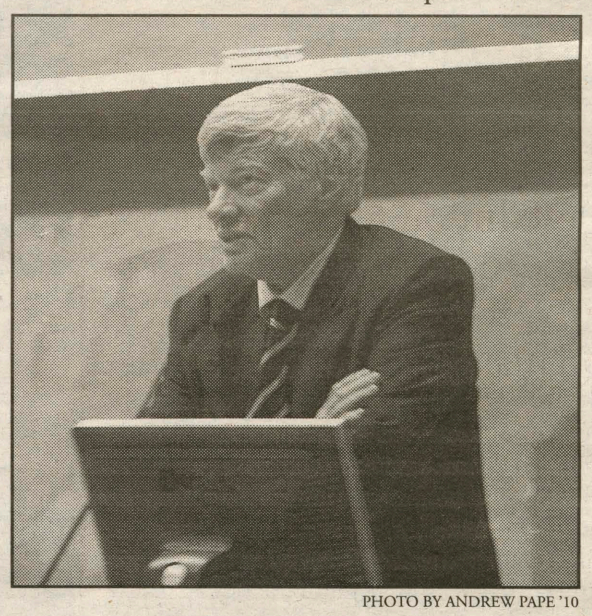
Robertson explained the idea held by kings, that they were divinely appointed and, as a result, above the law. Judges did not hold their positions for life and were always in fear of the king removing or executing them. James I's chief justice made the mistake of telling the king that no one was above the law and was immediately forced to plead for forgiveness.

James's successor, his son Charles I, pursued this royal belief to a new extreme, reorganizing the political order.

"Charles I was a believer in the absolute right of kings," said Robertson. "When parliament displeased him in 1628, he abolished it."

Charles held trials in the Star Chamber, a court attended only by himself, his ministers, judges and the accused. The accused were Puritans who were tortured for sedition because the king did not tolerate religious dissent in Anglican England.

Parliament did not sit again until 1640, when Charles needed money to fund his war against the Calvinist Scots who he hoped to convert Anglicanism. Parliament's first act was to abolish the Star Chamber, resulting in an end to the acceptance of evidence obtained through torture in England.



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Judge Geoffrey Robertson.

"The king had to share power with Parliament elected by the upper classes," said Robertson. "This was the beginning of democracy."

The first English Civil War between parliamentary supporters and royalist supporters from 1642 to 1645 ended in the defeat of Charles. Oliver Cromwell assumed power.

The king, left alone at first, retained most of his privileges but after two more wars in which he attempted to regain power he was put on trial.

John Cooke was not the first choice to prosecute the king. Cooke had a reputation as a radical lawyer, but there were few lawyers at the time who had any idea how to put the king on trial.

"No leading lawyer was prepared to put the king on trial," said Robertson. "They were both afraid that the king would retaliate and perplexed because they believed the king had divine rights."

Cooke was made solicitor general, but took over the case after the attorney general fell ill. He created the crime of tyranny and gathered evidence that the king had tortured prisoners.

Robertson argued that, unlike most modern rulers on trial, Charles stuck to his guns. Saddam Hussein is an exception, in that, like Charles, he demanded to know by what authority he was being prosecuted. Charles's mistake according to Roberts was that he let too much information slip out to his guards.

"It became clear that the king would forever be on the attack and would have no remorse for the deaths he had caused," said Roberts. "They executed him but it was a terrible mistake because it made him a martyr…eventually leading to the restoration of his son to power."

Robertson believes that this is exactly the reason why Saddam Hussein, if convicted, should not be sentenced to death. His death might lead to more trouble in Iraq because he would become a martyr to supporters.

When the monarchy was restored after 11 years in 1660, supporters of an anti-monarchy England were given unfair trials and sentenced to death. Cooke was drawn and quartered.

Although these supporters of a more democratic form of government in England were put to death, Robertson emphasized that this was an important step in history and set a precedent for the ability to hold future leaders accountable for their crimes.

"Those 11 years…were the beginning of the values we cherish today," said Robertson. "This was the first time an incumbent head of state had been put on trial. It is a remarkable moment in our shared history."

Samuel Kirkland Film Society Presents: Latenite
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The Spectator

Staff Editorial

This issue of *The Spectator* contains something rare: two articles focused on happenings in Clinton. While we live only a short distance from the Village, we tend to ignore the goings-on outside of our "Hamilton bubble." Many students read national and world news regularly, yet we rarely know what is happeneing just a few miles away. *The Spectator* pledges to try to raise awareness about local news and events by expanding our focus to include Clinton and surrounding areas. We hope to encourage students to become involved or at least aware of what is going on just down the Hill. *The Spectator* is distributed to several locations in Clinton and we recognize that it should represent our entire extended community. To this end, we encourage faculty, staff, Clinton residents or any students who have information or suggestions for articles concerning local news to get in touch and let us know. You can e-mail *The Spectator* at spec@hamilton.edu or e-mail the editor of the section the story applies to.

We hope that more students become interested in and directly involved with the community surrounding us, whether that means volunteering for HAVOC or entering The Pizza Place's pizza eating contest. Go to the local farmer's market on the town green on Thursdays, take your parents out to a restaurant in town for Family Weekend, and take advantage of the many opportunities Hamilton organizations and groups offer to volunteer and get involved.

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	4) starting groups (.35%)
	5) friending new people (2%)
What interests you most about other people's FB profiles?	1) relationship status (6%)
	2) groups/interests/job and summer plans (17%)
	3) number of wall posts (5%)
	4) photos (72%)
Do you think FB is a good base for judging character?	Yes (31%)
	No (68%)
Do you consider your photos to be representative of your character?	Yes (49.8%)
	No (50%)
If not, what is your reasoning?	1) Just because I'm partying in my photos doesn't mean that's all I do (41%)
	2) Just because I don't post photos of me partying doesn't mean I don't party (20%)
	3) My lack of photos doesn't mean I don't get out and do things (28%)
	4) My wall posts are poor indicators of how many friends I have (12%)
Which of the following have you considered when creating your FB profile?	1) You could be subject to judicial punishment for posting photos in which you are engaged in illegal activities (17%)
	2) Employers are using profiles to screen job applicants (42%)
	3) Posting personal contact information could endanger my safety (41%)
Which of the following do you consider to be the most concerning consequence of FB? It's potential to...	1) isolate people (16%)
	2) hinder academic success (37%)
	3) contribute to the obesity epidemic by encouraging inactivity at the computer (10%)
	4) endanger safety (37%)
	5) Other (.50%)
What is your overall perception of FB?	1) It is positive (89%)
	2) It is negative (11%)

Gakwaya lectures on Rwandan genocide

by Alicia Wright '10
NEWS WRITER

Although involved in suspected espionage, hunted by the Rwandan government, and scared for his family's safety, Theobald Gakwaya survived the Rwandan genocide. He described his experiences on September 18, at a lecture held in the Science Auditorium. Still learning English, Gakwaya was aided in his presentation by a translator, the Burgess Chair of French Roberta Krueger. He explained the history leading up to the Rwandan genocide, the period of genocide itself and the aftermath of the event. Gakwaya argues has yet to truly be demarcated as over.

Gakwaya described Rwanda pre-genocide as one of the strongest economies in its area. Based on an agricultural system, it began producing coffee and tea after colonization by France and soon became a budding tourism center. Throughout its growth, environment was at the heart of all matters, even giving Rwanda the nickname of "The Switzerland of Africa" for the work it put into reforestation. This rosey picture was short lived.

For more than five centuries the majority population of Hutus was governed by a monarch based on divine rule by the Tutsis. The Hutus were enslaved and mistreated under this aristocratic rule. Finally, in the 1950s, the beginning of the Hutu Awakening occurred; many Hutus spoke out through their writing as to the corruption in the Tutsis rule. Raising international awareness of the Rwandan issue, the United Nations stepped in to settle the dispute, calling for a referendum in which the Rwandan population would decide the future of the monarchy. In a majority ruling, the monarchy was rejected in favor of maintaining the republic.

Four political parties were created based on ethnic and regional identities in the hope of forming a democratic state; however, rule became dominated by one Hutu party, causing the former Tutsi monarchy to flee the area, only to later organize an attack leading to the civil war from 1964-1967.

Political unrest continued for decades, in which the Tutsis and Hutus battled for justice. The Rwandan Genocide began on April 6, 1994. Though each group tries to blame the other for the deaths that occurred through the genocide, Gakwaya believes that who is at fault is not the issue. The issue is that five million innocent lives were taken. At first, only men and boys linked to supporting the Rwandan republic were killed, but the slayings quickly spread to women. He said that such violence and human slaughter is impossible to describe. The world now classifies Rwanda in a post-genocide period, but to Gakwaya, the genocide is not over. It finds its lulls in violence, but if far from finished.

During this time, Gakwaya participated Rwandan governmental reforms. Serving as Vice President of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP), he believed that the government should be structured under the doctrine of the church. If the government was based on the Bible, Gakwaya said, it would lead people to live on humanitarian goals. Respect for human rights, in his opinion, is the only way to pillar the rule of the African people. As an active participant in the CDP, despite being a Hutu, he was suspected as a spy for the Tutsis and deemed a traitor. The search for Tutsis during the genocide began in his area. His home and possessions were destroyed as a sign that he was unwelcome in Rwanda, and he had to hide in the brush, separate from his family, until he knew they could all be safe together.

What bothers Gakwaya the most is the powerlessness of international forces to help with Rwanda's crisis. To him, an impenetrable wall has been built preventing a serene approach to the conflict in the Rwandan government. If nothing is done to improve Rwanda, Gakwaya believes that Africa will become like the modern Middle East. His hope in discussing the Rwandan Genocide is to bring truth. "The truth hurts but it is at the heart of all virtue," Gakwaya remarks. Professor Joseph Mwantuali, organizer of the lecture, agrees with Gakwaya, that blame cannot be placed on either the Hutus or Tutsis; extremists from both sides contributed to the genocide. Mwantuali believes that the world is polarizing the situation, placing fault on one or the other group. Rather than polarizing the problem, Mwantuali says that the nation needs to find truth and reconciliation. Finding these two things, he says, is the wisest solution.

Hamilton survey results on Facebook.com

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identify attractive girls residing in other dorms at Harvard. Within a few weeks, however, he discovered much more than Harvard's female population. Not only had nearly every Harvard student registered on Facebook, but college students from all over the country were pleading that Zuckerberg expand his site to their schools. Expand he did, and today the site has evolved into a multi-million dollar, 50-person company that currently boasts outrageous usage statistics.

Today, 85 percent of students from 882 supported colleges use Facebook. According to the results of my Hamilton Facebook survey, 31 percent of the 281 participants reported checking Facebook up to six times a day, with a smaller handful admitting to more than nine checks per day. Hamilton students are not the only ones who find Facebook irresistibly appealing. The Associated Press (MSNBC) recently reported that Facebook.com and beer-drinking have been deemed the second most "in" activity among undergraduates, with iPod-listening voted as the most popular. We must then ask ourselves, if being "in" with Facebook means possibly paying the price of privacy invasion, the casting of superficial judgments and procrastination, is it worth it?

Facebook's sweetness begins to sour when we start considering the potential consequences of maintaining an account. Try as we might to convince ourselves that Facebook is a safe haven for posting our personalities, the reality is undeniable: nearly anyone can access our Facebook profiles: strangers, professors and worst of all, future employers. "I think Facebook will become the next resume for business employers," remarked Alana Pudalov '08. As alarming as the notion may seem, Alana's prediction could very well prove true. According to Kino Ruth, director of the Career Center at Hamilton, invasion of privacy is a serious issue, especially with regard to its potential to hinder student's career opportunities. "Survey data I've seen indicates that more and more employers are checking Facebook. This means that finding photos of students engaged in wild activities could lead employers to rescind a job offer or never offer one to begin with."

Monica Inzer, dean of admissions and financial aid, suggests that students, too, are responsible for an invasion of privacy when it comes to Facebook. According to Inzer, prospective students are "cross[ing] the line of appropriate behavior" by "friending" Hamilton admissions officers and tour guides upon completing interviews and tours. The Admissions Office has responded to this issue by implementing an official policy that mandates admissions officers and tour guides to reject friend requests from prospective students and to respond with a written statement that encourages them to contact Hamilton affiliates with e-mail.

Many students feel that the "News and Mini-Feed" addition to Facebook has taken the privacy invasion issue to a more serious level. With features that publicize every action or update made by Facebook users, students have become hesitant to make any move at all. I remember being horrified when I first discovered that my rejection of a Hamilton juggling club, among other actions, had been made available for all my friends to see. Facebook clubs quickly sprouted left and right in opposition to the "Feeding" feature, claming that Zuckerberg had overstepped student's privacy boundaries. The only response Zuckerberg sent our way was an issue of apology and provision of more stringent privacy settings. Users were not impressed. "Facebook's become the biggest stalking device in mankind," remarked Kathryn Kroleski '09. "Now I feel weird if I do something because everyone will know. I'm disgusted."

Mark Zuckerman, Founder of Facebook.com

In addition to raising new stalking opportunities, Facebook has continued to result in procrastination because of the web communicator's addictive qualities. Just the other day, I was invited to join "The Largest Facebook Group Ever" and help it achieve its goal of securing more than one million members. "Unite and Invite!" the group proclaimed. Did I accept? You bet I did. As I added myself to the group's growing population of 600,000, the site lulled me even deeper beneath its spell. I felt as if I had become the anxious Internet mother of a community of Facebook children whose status I was constantly compelled to check. "I check Facebook more than e-mail," said Jenn Vano '09. But then we look at the clock and realize that hours have passed and no work has been done. According to my Hamilton Facebook Survey, 37 percent of the student participants reported their biggest concern to be Facebook's ability to hinder academic success.

Not only that, but Facebook encourages students to form pre-conceived, superficial notions of strangers. 85 percent of Hamilton survey participants rated Facebook profiles as a good base for judging character. Ironically, the participants were divided 50/50 on whether they thought their own photos were representative of their character. Jeff Landry, the Assistant Dean of Students for Student Conduct and Director of Residential Life, remarked that Reslife has received a number of complaints from rising freshmen who, upon researching their assigned roommates on Facebook, wanted to switch because of unfavorable information they found there. Landry asserted that regardless of such complaints, Reslife still abides by its standard "not to do room changes prior to two weeks." Ironically, Landry claimed that he never heard back from the complaining freshmen: after they met their roommates on campus-evidence that a live meeting is really the only accurate tool for assessing one's personality.

If Hamilton students are aware of the numerous consequences of using Facebook, then why is there an whopping 89 percent of survey participants that still consider it to be a positive invention? According to the majority of responses in the free-thoughts survey section, students reasoned that Facebook's provision of an opportunity to stay connected with friends is a positive quality that overrides all the negatives. What is my perception of the social network? While I'd like to stay and explain, I really must go Facebook.

For full survey results see page 6

Thumbs up

- Being rich enough to import water which isn't *Ecoli* infected.

- Girls "studying" outside: A good opportunity to catch up on your slut quota for the week.

- Relay for Life: Finally someone has harnessed the charitable potential of wandering drunks.

- Monster Pie Challenge: The only competition at Hamilton that doesn't end in alcohol poisoning.

- EMT Info Session: Where freshman go to learn what really happened last Friday.

Thumbs down

- The Salad Bar Nazi makes the most well received comeback since Ginger Spice.

- Creepy drunk professors at the Pub trying to capture the souls of attractive co-eds with their pathetic Polaroid perversity.

- No one wants to see the manifestations of your "future sex/love sounds" on the dance floor...ew.

- God and that hateful skank, Mother Nature... the dark side gets flooded and becomes the new city of Craplantis.

by Stephen Allinger '09 & Tyler Zink '07

Who cares

- *Freshman Elections: the only thing worse than winning is getting the lucky AIDS infection.*

- Freshman get REAL isolated living in Wertimer.

- Iran gets its panties in a bunch...keep in mind, the "W" stands for "war" these days.

- Facebook: Our generation's Vietnam.

- IM wrestling: Rainbow Alliance for closeted frat boys.

Left! Right! Hamilton, let's fight!

This week's topic: Constitutional Interpretation

by Nicholas Berry '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

Ever since the Supreme Court ruled it had the power of judicial review in the landmark case of Marbury v. Madison (1803), there has been constant debate over how the judicial branch should use this authority. Strict or narrow constructionists believe the interpretation of the U.S. Constitution should be limited to the meanings of the actual words or phrases used in law, and not on other sources or inferences. Conversely, loose or broad constructionists argue that judicial interpretation should expand and interpret the Constitution's language extensively to meet current standards of human conduct and complexity of society.

Strict constructionists are fond of saying that judges should interpret the Constitution based on what is actually written. Apparently, strict constructionists have never actually read the Constitution because if they had they would realize that many of its most important concepts are written in ambiguous terms. There is no doubt that the Constitution means what it says, but it very often fails to say what it means. For example, the Fourth Amendment gives all Americans protections from "unreasonable searches and seizures." But, what constitutes "unreasonable searches and seizures"? The Constitution brings up this term, but it does not define it. So, if a person sues in court because they believe they were the victim of an unreasonable search, how can the Court possibly decide the matter by simply reading the text of the Constitution? The answer is it cannot because the Constitution does not say what an unreasonable search is. The vague language of the Constitution forces judges to interpret virtually every constitutional issue to at least some extent. Thus, strict constructionism cannot possibly be a valid legal philosophy because it cannot actually be put into practice; it is impossible to implement.

When the Founding Fathers originally wrote the Constitution, their goal was to create a framework for the new federal government, not the details of government. They deliberately chose to use vague language and ambiguous terms in the document because they wanted the Constitution to be a "living document" that could change along with the country.

The Founding Fathers knew that change was inevitable: the United States of their day would not be the same as the United States a century later. Rather than create a specific plan of government that would become obsolete in a few decades, they created a Constitution that would be able to adapt to meet the challenges and serve the needs of the future. Therefore, they used language that invites the Constitution to evolve over time, incorporating changing notions about our most basic principles. There are numerous pieces of evidence within the Constitution that support this claim, such as the "elastic clause" and the amendment process. Loose constructionists recognize this genius design; strict constructionists do not.

Some judges have attempted to reach a middle ground by saying that they interpret the Constitution based on the "original intent" of the framers. This line of reasoning is also flawed. It is impossible to know the exact intent of the Founding Founders when they wrote the Constitution over two hundred years ago, and, in many cases, the framers disagreed over the meaning of what they wrote. Also, deferring to the intent of a handful of long-dead men from a different century doesn't seem a great deal more "democratic" than deferring to a group of judges on the bench today. Is legislating from the grave really better than legislating from the bench? This is not to say that we should disregard what is written in the Constitution or what its general theme was, but we should be cautious when relying upon an original intent we know little about. It is just usually better to interpret the Constitution's ambiguities according to modern realities, even if those realities are in themselves sometimes ambiguous or at odds with the way the Founders might have done things.

When thoroughly considered, strict constructionism is in itself a contradiction. The Court's ability to interpret the law is perhaps the best example of loose construction. No where in the Constitution does it say that the judicial branch has the power to determine the constitutionality of laws. Thus, the entire premise of the strict constructionist argument (i.e. interpreting the Constitution in a particular manner) is based on something that was created with loose constructionist thinking.

As a final note, I would like to politely ask all of those people who complain about unelected judges ruling against the will of the majority to please stop. The Founding Fathers intentionally made the Supreme Court insulated from public opinion because it is often fickle, irrational and emotionally charged. If we made judges responsible to the people, then they would base their rulings on the "tyranny of the majority" and not on what is legally right. Making judges the slaves of political ideology is dangerous because they should be as impartial as possible.

Besides, justices are appointed by the President and confirmed by senators, who are all elected officials, so there is little doubt that the judges are very well qualified and are, at least, somewhat reflective of society. For over two centuries, the Court has been instrumental in defining American society. It has expanded our rights and freedoms and protected us from the abuses of the government. Overall, I would argue that these nine "unelected" judges have helped make the U.S. into the great country it is today.

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The Signing of the Constitution.

by Benjamin Noble '08
Insights & Ideas Writer

One of the few good things Senator Robert Byrd (D-WV) has done in the Senate since his arrival way back in 1953 was attach the law creating Constitution Day to the omnibus spending bill of 2004. This holiday was last Sunday on September 17; the day the United States Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution in 1787. The act mandates that all publicly funded educational institutions provide educational programming on the history of the Constitution on that day. Consequently, this year Hamilton had a speaker's panel on Hamilton vs. Jefferson and stuffed everyone's mailboxes with Bill of Rights bookmarks. This column further tries to make sure that students increase their knowledge of the Constitution and the Founding Era… and to make sure Hamilton does not loose its federal funding.

No document is more central or more important to securing our blessed liberties and freedoms than the United States Constitution. It defines the structure of government and the rules for its operation, dependent on the ideals of human liberty proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence. The Constitution is the most important element in our government, especially because it is the basis of our *constitutional* republic.

The original intent of the Framers should be the authoritative standard of constitutional interpretation. The meaning of the Constitution as it was originally written should guide those who make, interpret and enforce the law. We should not read the Constitution as a living and breathing document that is subject to the changing interpretations of the times.

There are many different ways of describing strict interpretation of the Constitution: strict constructionalism, originalism, textualism, etc. (All of which are commonly, yet incorrectly, used as synonyms of each other). Nevertheless, the main point is that we should not loosely read into the Constitution what we please.

We should not read anything into the Constitution that is not clearly already there. A loose interpretation, instead of a strict one, often leads to the creation of new laws and policies that the writers of the original law never intended to implement.

If the American public does not agree with a certain section, we do not have to bend or twist the Constitution to our liking. Instead, there is a precise amendment process to change it.

The Constitution naturally binds and limits any one generation from ruling according to the passions of the times. Reflecting the Founders' understanding of the self-motivated impulses of human nature, the Constitution erected devices that work to frustrate those impulses while leaving open channels for effective and mutually supporting collaboration. It is a remarkable historical achievement, and unbalancing part of it could dismantle the sophisticated devices it erected to protect our liberty.

There are many meanings of different words and the Framers were distinct individuals with differences in opinions. However, by studying the Constitution, Hamilton and Madison's "The Federalist Papers", James Madison's notes of the Constitutional Convention, and thousands of other primary sources, we can understand what the majority of the Framer's true intentions were. The people who say that we can never know the intentions of the Framers are just too lazy to do the research.

The Framers wrote the Constitution to limit the power of the federal government. They believed that certain rights were inalienable, inherent and therefore the government should never violate them. To bend the Constitution is to lessen its strength and consequently lessen its protections of our rights. Reading the Constitution as a living document will only restrict and hinder our individual rights, especially property and gun rights.

Loose constructionalism also allows activist judges undemocratically make law from the bench. They and people who defend them have apparently never read what the role of judges is in our government. The judiciary is supposed to interpret the law; not make the law. Loose constructionists that say that Framers were just a bunch of old dead white men show they have no respect or knowledge of the Framer's brilliance in human nature and limited government and of our early history.

Originalism does not remove controversy, or disagreement, in the interpretations of our laws but it does confine it within a principled constitutional tradition that makes real the Rule of Law. Without that, we are destined to fall into the Rule of Man.

Americans truly need Constitution Day because there seems little serious study of our founding documents, the Founders, and their times. The article left of mine demonstrates this lack of thorough study of the Constitution.

There's bromance in the air

by Matt Bradley '07
Insights & Ideas Writer

This past weekend, my buddies and I traveled up to the Adirondacks equipped with the bare essentials and one purpose in mind: Bromance. With epic visions of bon fires and male bonding, we left the Hamilton College bubble and journeyed to the uncharted wilderness that is Racquet Lake.

As the Bible tells us in Proverbs 21:19, "It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and angry woman." With the hope of leaving behind all the toils of past and current female relationships, we decided to explore the most pure but often unrecognized type of relationship: Bromance.

Bromance has existed for thousands of years; it is only until recently, however, that a term has been coined to express this unique type of male relationship.

The legendary Blake Keogh '06 introduced the term Bromance to the Hamilton community no more than a month ago. I am simply a messenger to the masses, hoping to spread the glory of Bromance to others. Apparently, Blake originally encountered the word Bromance while reading *Powder*, one of his hippie skiing magazines. Blaker relayed the definition to a few of his "bro's" as something along the lines of "a relationship that develops between two or more heterosexual males that spend entirely too much time together." This type of bond can develop through watching sports, playing video games, casual drinking, eating, and/or discussing the opposite sex.

I believe the term Bromance goes even further than the *Powder Magazine* definition, however. From the term Bromance derives the adjective "Bromantic." It is the necessary combination of several Bromantic factors that truly creates a Bromantic bond between males.

I hope to use last weekend's Adirondack excursion as a means to explore and truly define the complex factors of a Bromantic relationship. By enlightening males out there about the value and necessity of Bromantic outings, I hope to increase the ability of males to show affection to each other. If created properly, A Bromantic outing can be a therapeutic, emotional and ultimately enlightening experience, opening up the love and friendship between men.

Firstly, and most importantly, a Bromantic outing must be consensual among all the present men. To truly experience the fifth degree of Bromance, all the bros must be ready and willing to commit themselves to a series of Bromantic events. When all parties have agreed, it is then possible to have the weirdest, most outrageous, heterosexual, Bromantic outing.

Secondly, a Bromantic outing is almost meaningless without the wilderness. Bromantic relationships tap into the most primal and animalistic parts of the brain. Without a wild backdrop, a Bromance may be hindered by the social limitations and preconceptions forced upon men by the media and women (in no particular order) in our society today.

With these two important factors covered, it is then possible for standard male bonds to blossom into Bromantic ones.

A Senior Column: fleeting perspective

There are no prescribed actions that are automatically constituted as Bromantic. Rather, it is the mood, weirdness, spontaneity, and passion behind the ideas that create a Bromantic atmosphere.

You may be asking, "what can my buddies and I do to create a truly Bromantic atmosphere?" Good question. I can't provide one answer, but I can list certain Bromantic actions that have seemed to work well in the past. Bromance is a very tricky and subjective notion. It is unique to every group of guys who engage in it. Find the factors that help resonate love between you and your bros.

About eight minutes after we unloaded our kayaks and canoes onto the island campsite this past weekend, all nine of us already had our shirts off. Soon after, the fire was roaring with pine needles, dead branches, and even fallen trees—because as we all know, a man's masculinity is represented by the size of his fire.

For dinner, we roasted Ball Park hotdogs and chili beans over the open flame. The fire claimed the lives of at least four dogs, but that is an occupational hazard of a Bromantic outing. The events that ensued that evening included yelling movie quotations while passing around, in a clockwise manner, a brown-bagged bottle, (tobacco) peace-pipe, and delicious marshmallows. As the Bromantic factors added up, so too did the expression of love between bros. High-fives, hugs, toasts, "I love you bros," inappropriate language, and sleeping under the stars were all capped off the next morning by a kayak/canoe to the nearby rope swing, where there may or may not have been at least one member who swung into a passing old couple, butt naked.

A Bromantic outing transcends the rules of traditional relationships between males. While the rules to follow to achieve a Bromance are fairly flexible, it is important to realize why Bromantic relationships are important. Society has created boundaries that male relationships must operate under. Fear of homosexuality and/or "meathead" labels leave men unable to express their love for fellow bros.

With the guidelines I've laid out, however, it is possible to overcome societal restrictions and truly experience the beauty of Bromance. For relevant literature on Bromantic relationships, consult Jack Kerouac's 'Dharma Bums' or the Patrick O'Brian adventure novel series (21 Bromantic novels). Additionally, films like "Old School," "Starsky and Hutch," and "Wedding Crashers" are great guides to kindling your newest Bromance. I'll leave you with a quotation from the outdoor movie "The Tangerine Dream" that I feel truly defines Bromance.

"It was all just a haze of JD, epic days, and high fives." I hope you all find the value of Bromantic relationships, cheers.

Different but Equal

by Alex Seserman '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

The case of Brown v. Board of Education I (1954) implies that social relations cannot be "separate but equal." A social group cannot be separated from the population at large and at the same time also be treated equally. The question remains can a group that is different coexist with the population at large on an equal status?

Assisant Professor of Sociology Yvonne Zylan gave a talk last semester on how the push for gay marriage is damaging the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) movement. In that talk she mentioned, somewhat remorsefully, the clash between those that want to be different and equal, and those that just want to be different. In a series of pictures Zylan demonstrated how there were two sets of individuals, ones that enjoyed sex outside "normal" circumstances and those that flaunted who they were.

Some marched with their mothers in tweed suits, and others with their partners in a plethora of sensual colors and fabric. Atheists are faced with much the same dilemma; they either want to be accepted by society or stand apart from the "masses" (for, as Marx said, "Religion is the opium of the masses").

What it means to be equal is a sociological and philosophical question of epic proportions, so let us concentrate on only one small facet of this issue. The Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution guarantees equal protection before the law to all citizens, period. The states cannot make any laws that impinge upon a person's life, liberty or property without due process. Is this upheld in practice as well as in theory?

In films such as Oxford Professor Dr. Richard Dawkin's "The Root of all Evil" (2006) and Morgan Spurlock's "30 Days" atheists are portrayed as outcasts and the victims of governmental discrimination. Atheists speak of how they are fired from jobs because of their views (the most grievous of the claims).

They talk of how they are not eligible for certain benefits. There is that also infamous atheist from California that wanted to change the Pledge of Allegiance back to the version used prior to 1954.

Surely, having the very concept of religion in the Pledge of Allegiance in some way infringes on the rights of atheists. In all sorts of ceremonies the idea of government is intertwined with that of god. Surely, all this association between religion and god is infringing on the atheists' liberty.

As an atheist, I have no problem being different, I hear the Pledge of Allegiance and chuckle when I say "under God." If I was ever discriminated against for a job because of the lack of my religious views I would feel that the law does not equally protect me, but even in the instances this happens it seems possible it's the individual reading more into the situation than there is to read.

I have no problem being different, I see no reason to change the Pledge of Allegiance, until it starts to actively infringe on my life, liberty or property. If Intelligent Design was taught in schools as a viable scientific theory I would have issues with that. Unless my rights are actively infringed upon, I have no problem giving the government its small concessions.

Whereas I feel this way, there are many that do not. They believe that the government should not show preference for one religious view over others. The mere fact that god is written as God is an indication that the government of the U.S. shows a preference for Christianity over other sects. Atheists that believe that equality should exist in all things would have this favoritism eliminated.

These are the ardent atheists that understand how continual exposure to a belief influences your opinion; but I am not so sophisticated. I am willing to preserve passive inequality if it allows me to remain different.

One cannot be different if one is equal. If one is different then one is forced to constantly redress one's position. If one is forced to constantly question one's position then the reason one holds that position become clearer and the justification becomes more lucid.

If a position is not constantly challenged, it will fall into complacency and dogmatism, something to be avoided at all costs.

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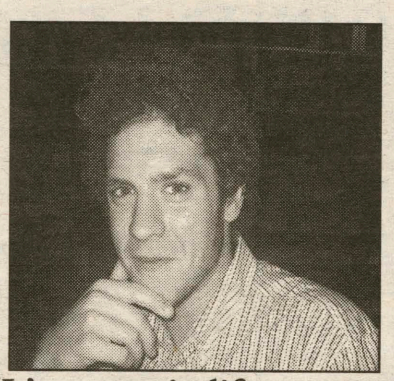
~Leide Cabral '10



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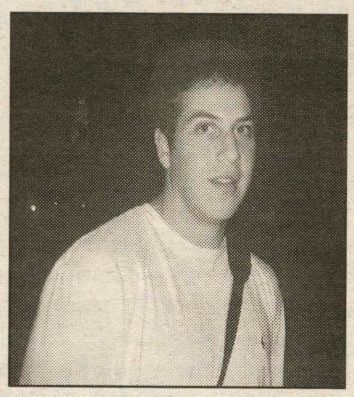
~James Lubin '08



"People will be so eager to work out again like they did over the summer and they will not gain the freshmen 15."

~Jared Zorin '10

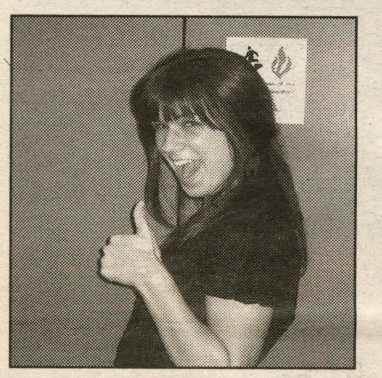
"The freshmen 15 has escalated to the freshmen 50."

~Claudius Zorokong '08

Hamilton Unscripted

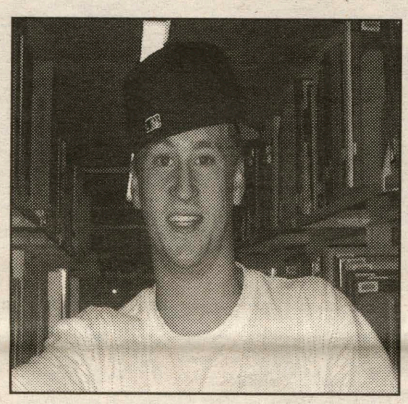
This week's question:
How do you think the opening of the gym will affect the "Freshmen 15?"

by Nonny Chizea '08, Roya Stevens '09 & Kazare Lowe '10



"Nothing can help."

~Dani Alfano '09

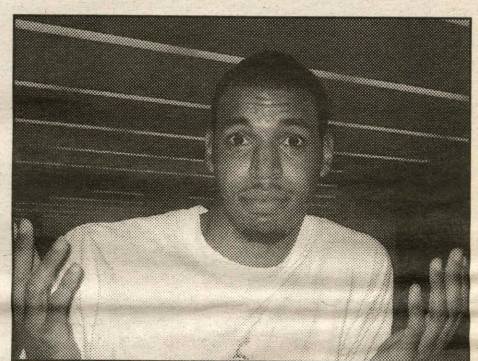


"I think all the freshmen girls look fantastic (by the way, I live in South 203)."

~Alex Anderson '08

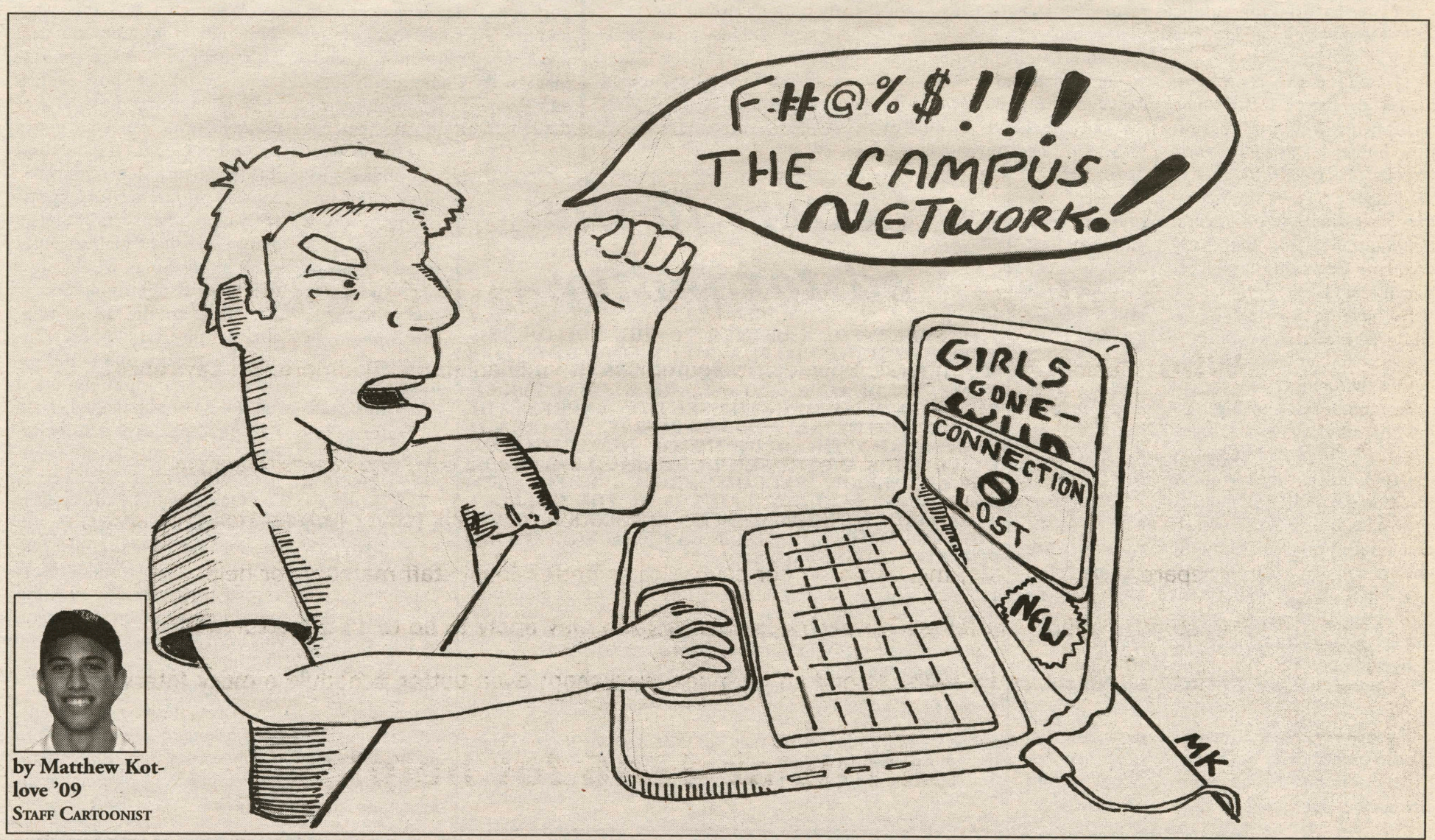
"It won't make a difference."

~Kate Donlon '07



"...Too late."

~Nick Jones '07



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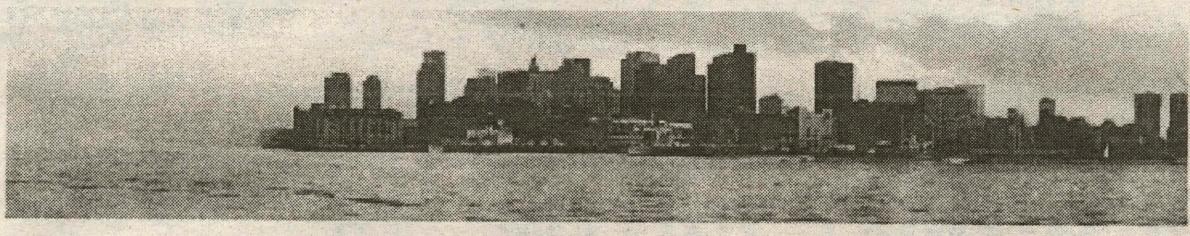

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Features

Sub free students say lifestyle promotes better sense of community

by Mallory Reed '10
FEATURES WRITER

Substance free housing has become an increasingly popular choice for students as many Hamiltonians are embracing the concept of college life without alcohol and drugs. This year, 72 first year students requested to live sub-free and there were 93 upperclassmen participants in the substance free lottery. According to the substance free housing contract, "this community is designed to ensure a substance free living environment where students will actively participate in activities and a healthy lifestyle that support an alcohol and other drug free philosophy."

Currently two dorms and one house are officially designated as substance free housing on and off campus. Recently renovated Kirkland sleeps 66 upperclassmen; Root offers rooms for 46 first years and 31 upper-class students, and 10 upperclassmen live down the Hill at 3 College Hill Road.

While not a designated substance free residence hall, McIntosh houses an additional 14 students who requested to live sub-free. Also, the Wertimer House, an all first-year dorm, is by default substance free because the 42 first-years who live there are all under 21. Of these students 14 requested sub-free housing.

During the weekdays and weekends, there is usually a gathering in the common rooms on the third and fourth floors of Root Residence Hall. Students who are not substance free often stop by for quiet studying, "homework parties," frequent games of Mafia, movie nights and more. According to Kelly Fitzsimmons '10, a resident of McIntosh Resident Hall, "I wish I was in Root because it has a better sense of community than any other dorm I've been in."

Many substance free students can relate to this strong sense of community. Chelsea D'Aprile '09, a member of the Root community revealed, "In the substance free dorm everyone is like a family." She added, "Because most of us chose sub-free, we are a tight knit group with the same interests."

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Root Residence Hall provides substance free housing for 77 students.

Garrett Morgan '09, the RA for the third floor of Root agreed. Refuting the stereotype of substance free students as anti-social, he said, "In Root I feel like people are closer friends and they look out for each other more than in the other dorms on campus."

In the dorms and across campus, there are numerous activities for students who choose to avoid alcohol and drugs. On the weekends in Root, students and RAs organize activities for residents and other members of the Hamilton Community. According to D'Aprile, "We have sub-free dance parties and we play Mafia." This past weekend the Root RAs, Xiaobo Ma '09, Jeff Hicks '09 and Morgan, organized a "Nachos and Cheese and 'The Goonies' Night" that was well attended.

Student Activities and various student-run clubs and organizations also provide sub-free entertainment for students. According to Area Director for Residential Life Shannon Hitchcock, "Every Friday night, LateNite Programming provides a non-alcoholic event to the entire Hamilton community from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Events Barn. Any member or group in the Hamilton community can host a LateNite event, and for this semester, I have already received proposals from SK Films, Students Against Violence and the Resident Advisors."

Furthermore, the Campus Activities Board (CAB) regularly brings comedians, musicians and other special events to campus. Hamilton Outing Club (HOC) trips are popular for the adventurous and HAVOC offers students many opportunities to volunteer their time around the area.

Substance free student Michael Amaral '10 said, "This past weekend I watched 'The Goonies,' went to ballroom dancing and massage therapy class, and I saw 'V for Vendetta.'"

Laura Halvorsen '09, another resident of Root, says that there are always activities available for substance free students such as "participating in various clubs, hanging out with friends, watching movies, and playing taboo in the common room."

According to Jenny Karl '09, the best part of life in Root is "sitting around, talking, being silly and getting nothing done."

Halvorsen added, "Substance free students are really closely knit because instead of drinking alcohol on the weekends we spend time playing games and talking together."

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Wertimer House, now home to the REAL academic program, provides substance free living for its 42 first-year residents.

Weekly SuDoku Puzzle

by Martin Connor '09
FEATURES EDITOR

SuDoku- The Number Sensation that's Sweeping the Nation:
The rules are simple; why not give it a try!
Before you know you'll be Su-dicted!

Just fill every box with the numbers 1-9 so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains each number only once!

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Faculty Profile:
Associate Professor of French Cheryl Morgan

by Brittany Albert '10
Features Writer

Full Name: Cheryl Ainley Morgan
Position: Associate Professor of French, Women's Golf Coach
Specialty: 19th Century literature and French women writers
Hometown: Elizabeth, NJ
Undergraduate, Masters, and Graduate Degrees: B.A. Dartmouth College, M.A. Middlebury College, Ph.D. Columbia University

Q. *How long have you been teaching at Hamilton?*
A. Since 1990.

Q. *Did you teach anywhere before you came to Hamilton?*
A. I taught three years at Choate Rosemary Hall. I also coached Field Hockey, Basketball and Softball there.

Q. *Why did you choose to teach French?*
A. I loved speaking the language. I loved being in another language. What I enjoy in terms of scholarship and thinking is the conjunction of the historical, social and literary. There's language and the nuts and bolts that are very pragmatic. But you can also get up to a point that makes it almost like an English class.

Q. *Why do you feel languages are an important part of a liberal arts education?*
A. It's important for an American liberal arts student to articulate, express and comprehend through a different grid. There is a social political dimension for me.
Our inability to master foreign languages is a scandal in the world. Language study challenges students in some ways that they aren't challenged in other classes.

Q... *and what about studying abroad?*
A. Nothing puts you less in a comfortable zone than being the other, the different one. Students who come back [from abroad] are transformed not just linguistically, but as people.

Q. *Do you have a favorite teaching moment?*
A. Student enjoyment. Seeing them wanting to be in the class and being excited about what we are doing.

Q. *Tell me a little bit about the [relatively new] women's golf team...*
A. Right now [the team] is kind of a mixture of people who are still learning and people who are experienced. Last year we only had one girl compete, but this year there is more of a team body. There is a lot of dedication and people want to make this work.

Q. *How did you start to play golf?*
A. Everyone in my family plays golf. My younger brother is a professional golfer. My sister is the golf coach at Amherst College. Now I am addicted to it. When the weather's warm, that's all I want to do.

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Associate Professor of French Cheryl Morgan.

Q. *What is your favorite thing to do in Clinton, NY?*
A. Right now I like to go hear my husband's band play and my daughter sing with them at the V.T.

Q. *Do you have any pets?*
A. I have a black lab who is my second child. I would bring him to class with me if I could.

Q. *If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?*
A. I'd like to go to North Africa, China... India wouldn't be bad either. I studied a lot of Chinese history in high school and college. It would be culturally very different from what we are used to. I'm particularly interested in North Africa because of its connections to France.

Q. *What else do you like to do in your free time? Any hobbies?*
A. I read, I golf, I garden. I used to cook but I don't anymore. I cook for my students though. I'm known to make a mean lasagna.

Q. *Are you reading any interesting books right now?*
A. I just finished "Under the Banner of Heaven" by John Krakauer.

Q. *If you could be a celebrity for a day who would it be and why?*
A. I would like to be a writer or somebody who has a loyal following of readers, not someone who is idolized for their looks or money. Someone who's words cast a wider net than a teacher. Or a Pulitzer Prize investigative reporter.

Q. *What is your most embarrassing moment?*
A. That one I will not tell.

Q. *What are your favorite T.V. shows?*
A. "Six Feet Under," "The Sopranos" (because it takes place in the backyard of where I grew up), and I have to admit I watch "Project Runway."

Q. *Favorite Color?*
A. Navy blue.

Q. *Favorite number?*
A. 12.

Q. *Favorite Food?*
A. Lobster.

Q. *Favorite ice cream flavor?*
A. Really good coffee.

Q. *What is your fondest memory from your college years?*
A. Scoring a hat trick in a field hockey game. Hanging out with my friends in the equivalent of Café Opus smoking cigarettes, drinking coffee and talking about film. A course in urban education really got me thinking about being a teacher. My professor was a Marxist. It was a very radical, eye opening experience for me; new and exciting thinking that we could actually fix society by going back to the classroom.

Q. *Do you have any advice for Hamilton students?*
A. Sleep, talk to your professors, and don't stress too much.

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What's Up This Week at Hamilton

MONDAY

Daily Prayer-
12:00 PM - Chapel Lounge

President Stewart's Open Hour-
1:30 PM - Cafe Opus

Lecture- "The Cellular and Molecular Organization of the Mosquito Midjut"
3:00 PM - SC 3040

Film- "The Crowd"
7:00 PM - KJ Auditorium

TUESDAY

Newman Mass-
12:00 PM - Chapel

WEDNESDAY

Lecture- "Building a Quantum Computer Atom by Atom"
4:00 PM - SC G041

Meditation Group-
7:00 PM - Chapel Lounge

A Reading by Aimee Nezhukumatahil
8:00 PM - Fillius Barn

Prayer Meeting-
9:00 PM - Chapel Lounge

THURSDAY

Newman Mass-
12:00 PM - Chapel

Lecture- "Confinement and Laser Cooling of Atoms"
12:00 PM - SC G042

Asian Culture Society General Meeting-
5:30 PM - ELS

FRIDAY

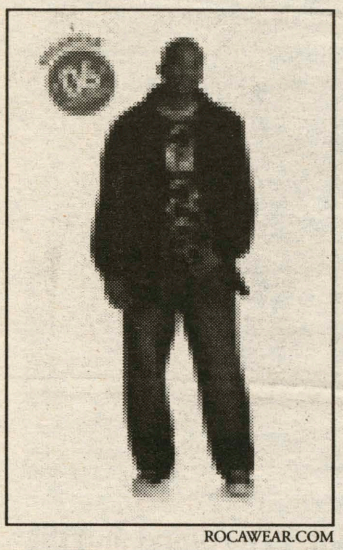
Juggling Club Meeting-
4:00 PM - Science Center Lawn Atrium

FALL RECESS BEGINS-
4:00 PM

Hamilton Style: Fall Fashion Must Haves

by Nonny Chizea '08
Features Fashion Columnist

There are many different looks floating around the fashion market at the moment. What you have to do now is pick your favorites and add your own flare to then. I gathered six different looks for males and females to experiment with this fall. Remember, it's not what you are wearing or who you are wearing – it's how you wear it that matters!



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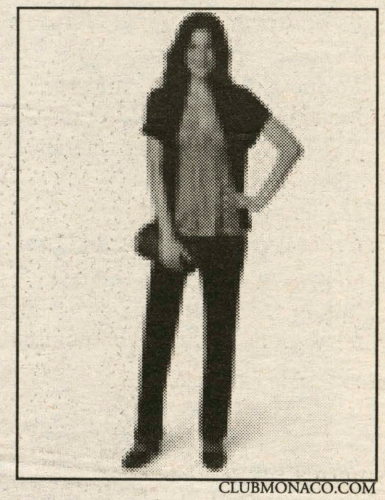
Shawn Carter a.k.a Jay-Z's The ROC Army made an excellent debut this month. The look consists of the L/S Mini Rip Stop Jacket, the Gold Wings Tee, and the Seal Jean.

Looks like high-fashion is possible anyway as Old Navy introduces the "Essential Pant." To achieve this versatile look, try a silk camisole, a ribbed sweater, peep toe heels and a clutch. As fashionista Kate Porter '08 would say: "Tres Chic"



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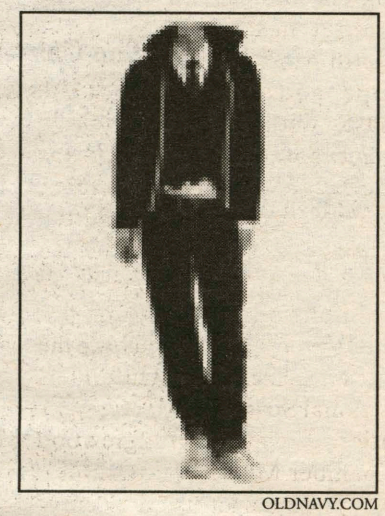
This vintage-inspired baby-doll top is sure to keep you warm and classy this fall. Accent the top with a belt across your waist.

Justin Timberlake is not the only guy who brings sexy back in a vest! You can too! If you like to dress up to dress down, try the low rise slim straight jean (cuffed), with a simple cotton dress shirt, a tie and a cardigan.



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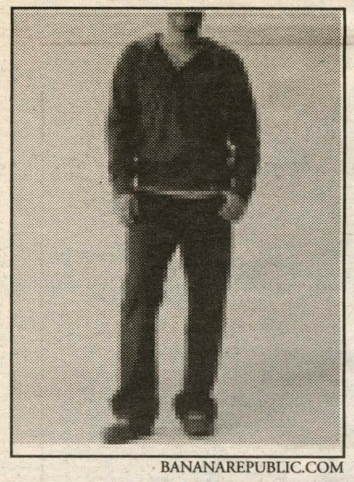

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Want to show of what great musely shoulders you have? Try the half-zip hooded sweatshirt. You can play with this look to make it casual when worn with a graphic tee or more formal when under a blazer.

The shawl cardigan has made a great comeback from your Mum's wardrobe –now you can wear it too! Try this simple look, with a long sleeve fitted shirt, straight leg denim trousers and a pair of platform wedges!

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What's Good on the Weekend:

The Spectator's Scoop on this Weekend's Hottest Parties

Friday

Delta Phi Pig Roast at the Pavilion:
Hosted by the brothers of Delta Phi
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Dinner, 9:00 to 12:00 Party

Bristol Hub:
Hosted by the brothers of Delta Kappa Epsilon
10:00 PM to 2:00 AM

Bundy Dining Hall:
Hosted by the brothers of Psi Upsilon
10:00 PM to 2:00 AM

ELS Basement:
Hosted by the Track Team
10:00 PM to 2:00 AM

Saturday

Bristol Hub:
Hosted by the Men's Rugby Team
10:00 PM to 2:00 AM

Bundy Dining Hall:
Hosted by the brothers of Alpha Delta and the and the sisters of Pi Beta Chi
10:00 PM to 2:00 AM

ELS Basement:
Hosted by the sisters of Alpha Theta Chi
10:00 PM to 2:00 AM

Arts & Entertainment

String quartet to perform

by Lindsay King '10
Arts & Entertainment Writer

The beauty of the arts is the fluidity in which the different forms can blend, and the Cassatt String Quartet does just that.

Named after the American Impressionist painter Mary Cassat, the quartet brings emotion and delicacy to each piece, and Hamilton is privileged enough to be hosting the ensemble on September 23 as part of the Classical Connections Series.

"Hailed as one of America's outstanding ensembles," the quartet has toured North America, Europe and the Far East, with performances at such famed venues as the Tanglewood Music Theater, Maeda Hall in Tokyo, and the Théâtre des Champs-Élysées in Paris.

Some of their most prestigious awards to date include the two top prizes at the Banff International String Quartet Competition, as well as a Tanglewood Chamber Music Fellowship.

The quartet has a twenty-year history, with both international and local roots. The group served as the first participant in the prestigious Julliard's Young Artists Quartet Program.

The four members: Nicole Johnson, Michiko Oshima, Jennifer Leshnower and Meneko Otani, have served on the faculty of the Setnor School of Music at Syracuse University since 1996 as the quartet-in-residence.

In the summer months, the quartet is in residence at the Bowdoin International Music Festival and the modern Seal Bay Festival of Contemporary America Chamber Music.

Perhaps most importantly, beyond the honors and awards, Cassatt has a mission to nurture young musicians through residences at universities such as Princeton and Yale.

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The Cassatt String Quartet will perform in Wellin Hall this Saturday.

Through these programs, they have devoted their time to coaching; working with student composers; and giving presentations on music theory, composition and history.

During their concert at Hamilton, the quartet will play a variety of pieces ranging from Beethoven's "Opus 18, no. 6", to a piano quintet by Jay Reise entitled "Powers that Be," accompanied by Margaret Kampmeier on the piano.

The concert will be $5 for students and held at 8:00 p.m. on September 23rd in Wellin Hall. For more information, please contact Michelle Reiser-Memmer at 315-859-4331.

Weekend movie

by Leighton Smith '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

This weekend, the Samuel Kirkland Film Society will be screening "The Squid and the Whale." Written and directed by Noah Baumbach, it is based on actual events from the author's childhood. The story takes place in New York City in the mid-1980's and chronicles the lives of four family members after the fall-out from a divorce.

The movie revolves around the consequences of this divorce, especially its effects on the two sons, Frank and Walt.

Walt, age 16, takes the side of his father (Jeff Daniels), an author who once garnered some fame but who has now fallen on hard times. The younger Frank, 12, takes his mother's (Laura Linney's) side. She is an up-and-coming author with a book deal. This fact is from whence much of the marital tension originates.

For anyone who has seen a divorce first-hand, some of "The Squid and the Whale" might hit a bit too close to home. Despite a comedic bend, it has some very dramatic moments.

All of the hallmarks of a divorce are present: alternating weekends, the introduction of new sexual partners, the bad-mouthing by both parents about each other to their children. In my opinion, it is worth enduring any unpleasantness to enjoy the overall effect of the film, which is profound.

Its authenticity is only one of many fine qualities of the film.

All of the actors turn in great performances. People who like Wes Anderson movies will probably like this one – he produced it. Many of his stylistic flourishes are present throughout. I suggest you make your way to KJ this weekend to see "The Squid and the Whale," as it is not only a highly entertaining movie, but also a sensitive examination of domestic life and adolescence.

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The Samuel Kirkland Film Society will be featuring "The Squid and the Whale" this weekend in KJ.

Hamilton graduate and film guru to speak at screening of silent films

by Rebekah A. Mintzer '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

On Monday September 25 at 7 p.m., Hamilton College will be lucky enough to welcome a guest lecturer who is not only an important figure in film preservation and a leading expert in silent films, but a Hamilton graduate as well. David Shepard '62 will be returning to his alma mater for the first time in decades to host a special installment of the F.I.L.M. (Forum on Image & Language in Motion) series.

Shepard will be screening and discussing "The Crowd," a great but often forgotten American silent film directed by King Vidor and written by another Hamilton alum, John VanAlstyne Weaver '14. "The Crowd" is significant to film history because it was one of the first movies to use the moving camera as a tool of expressionism. It tells the story of a young couple trying to survive in New York City.

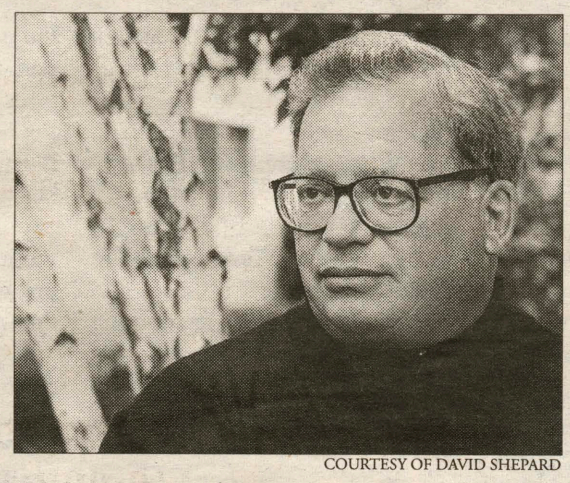
The other film to be shown is "The Cameraman," the last Buster Keaton film that the famous actor and director had any real artistic control over. The film features a man who is trying to make it in the movie business with an outdated camera. Shepard has taken the prints for both films to be shown on Monday from his own collection.

Many films, partiularly silent films, have been preserved over the years thanks to Shepard's devotion. These prints tend to decay or occasionally catch on fire as they age and change chemically. Shepard has saved many great films from these fates by transfering them into DVD and video formats.

His work includes restorations of films by legendary directors like Cecil B. De Mille, D.W. Griffith, Buster Keaton and Fritz Lang. His video release of "The Art of Buster Keaton" was according to *USA Today* "almost universally regarded as the best video release of 1995." His restoration and release of "Les Vampires," a seven hour saga by director Louis Feuillade was regarded by the *New York Times* as the best video release of 1998. Anyone who has ever seen the legendary early documentary, "Nanook of the North," on DVD or video can thank Shepard for its preservation and quality.

Visiting Professor of English Scott MacDonald who directs the F.I.L.M. program first got the idea of bringing Shepard to Hamilton when he attended a film preservation conference last spring, at which Shepard spoke.

"I took a course from Shepard in the 70's at Hampshire College," says MacDonald. "When I went up to him to thank Shepard at the end of the conference for what I learned from him back then, he looked at my name tag, saw that I was from Hamilton, and told me that he had graduated from there."



COURTESY OF DAVID SHEPARD

David Shepard is a Hamilton graduate and a notable figure in film restoration.

Many of Shepard's contributions expand beyond his restoration projects. He has produced several documentaries for television and managed the theatre and archive departments of the American Film Institute. He served as Special Projects Officer of the Director's Guild of America for twelve years and has taught cinema at institutions like University of Southern California and the Claremont Colleges for thirty-four. The films that he has restored are used in Hamilton classrooms and all over the country.

In addition to his scheduled talk, Shepard has provided Hamilton with a rare print of "The Sterile Cuckoo," a 1969 movie that was filmed primarily at and around the Hamilton campus. Directed by Alan J. Pakula, it was Liza Minelli's breakout film, and deals with the lives of college students and their relationships. The book on which "The Sterile Cuckoo" is based was written by a Hamilton graduate, John Nichols '62.

"The Sterile Cuckoo" will be shown at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 24 in KJ Auditorium with an introduction by Professor Austin Briggs, and will be followed by Shepard's presentation at the same location the next day.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT WEEKEND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

9/22 (Friday)

-Emerson Gallery Openings:
Native Perspectives:
George Longfish and
Shelley Niro.
&
WPA Artists:
Prints from the
Amity Arts Foundation. (exhibitions will be continuing into upcoming weeks).

-"The Squid and the Whale"
7:00 p.m., 10 p.m.

-Late Night Movie
Trivia Contest
10 p.m.- 12:30 a.m.

-"Army of Darkness,"
late night movie
12:30 a.m.- 2 a.m.

9/23 (Saturday)

-Cassatt String Quartet
8 p.m.

- "The Squid and the Whale" 8 p.m., 11 p.m.

9/24 (Sunday)

-"The Sterile Cuckoo"
screening 2 p.m.

- "The Squid and the Whale"
2 p.m., 7 p.m., 10 p.m.

9/25 Monday

-David Shepard lecture and film screening 7 p.m.

Weekly Charts

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

MUSIC

(From iTunes)

Top Albums

1. Continuum - John Mayer
2. FutureSex/ LoveSounds - Justin Timberlake
3. A Thousand Different Ways - Clay Aiken
4. Grey's Anatomy, Vol. 2 - Various Artists
5. The Last Kiss (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack) - Various Artists

Top Songs

1. Too Little, Too Late - Jojo
2. Money Maker - Ludacris fea. Pharrell
3. Chasing Cars - Snow Patrol
4. How to Save a Life - The Fray
5. SexyBack - Justin Timberlake

MOVIES

(Yahoo! Box Office Charts)

1. Gridiron Gang
2. The Black Dahlia
3. Everyone's Hero
4. The Covenant
5. The Last Kiss
6. Invincible
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Most anticipated video game releases

by Brendan Conway '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

I doubt I am the only gamer to have been suffering from the relatively depressing lack of releases in recent weeks. The only hope is the oncoming flood of titles which will more than spruce up our gaming lives. So, in order to further boost my ego by making myself sound all-important, I will be going over the top ten game releases that I am looking forward to in the next few months. In no particular order:

1. **The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess.** This game has me drooling slightly over a rather androgynous elf-boy. The graphics look quite delicious, and Link is sporting his very attractive "teenager" look, seen before in some parts of "The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time." Compared to the cartoon-y, cell-shaded graphics of "The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker" (not to be confused with the oh-so-popular "The Legend of Selda: The Weed Whacker"), these new graphics are gorgeous.

I did not find "Wind Waker" to be a bad game, but after awhile, I did find myself intensely annoyed by the way Link's head was as big as his entire body. I am quite happy that Shigeru Miyamoto, creator of the Legend of Zelda, decided to go for a bit more of a realistic style.

The only part of all this that upsets me is the December 11 release date for the Game Cube. It'll be out on the Wii for the November 19 release date, but that version would, of course, require a Wii, and I do not intend to purchase such a device for at least some months after its release.

2. **Gears of War.** Gorgeousness. Beauty. Beautiful gorgeousness. And guns with chainsaw bayonets. Really, need I say more? This Xbox 360 game has a November 7 release date here in the States, and if it doesn't garner a 9.0 rating within two days of its release, I will be most surprised.

To be perfectly honest, I can't quite enunciate why this game has entranced me so much, but…it has. It could be the third-person fighting, seemingly akin to that of "Resident Evil 4," of which I am a bit of a fan. It could be the gritty, somewhat urban, decimated environments, of which I am also a fan. It could be some of the new mechanics incorporated into the game, like ducking behind a concrete block, and then just popping out to let off a barrage of shots from your auto-rifle before hiding your head again and letting the return fire explode into your cover with wondrous explosion graphics. It could be a relatively interesting plotline, destined to be at least entertaining while unloading countless rounds into an alien menace. Or it could just be that whole chainsaw bayonet thing. Who hasn't dreamed of charging up to an opponent and carving into them with, not merely a chainsaw, but a chainsaw attached to your gun? Huh? Anyone? Yeah, I thought not.

3. **Guild Wars: Nightfall.** Listen up, all you "World of Warcraft" heads out there. This one's for you. You know all that money you're shelling out? The endless sums of hard-earned cash you are funneling into a game with the same addictive properties as crack? Guess what? In "Guild Wars," you get to keep that money. That's right. Keep it. They don't need it. In fact, they want you to have it.

"Guild Wars" gets major props in my book for being the first good MMORPG with no monthly subscription fees. You just pay for the game itself, and you're good. And as I mentioned, it's not just free, it's actually a good game. The basic game lets you play as any of six different classes, with the option to multi-class into one additional class. Then it sets you loose into a well-designed fantasy world, chock full of monsters and baddies for you to massacre.

What's more, the PvP aspects of the game are quite entertaining, including (aptly enough) all-out contests between entire guilds. "Nightfall" is the second expansion for the game, coming out in October, introducing two new classes, the Paragon and the Dervish, as well as a whole-new Africa-based continent.

What's even better about "Guild Wars" is that each of the expansions is effective as stand-alone games. If you have the original or the other expansion, "Factions," then you can combine them all, but if you don't, that's fine too. Each one provides you one whole continent for your enjoyment, and once again, you will never have to pay monthly subscription fees. Can I get an hallelujah?

4. **Neverwinter Nights 2.** This sequel to the original "Neverwinter Nights," which was arguably one of the best PC RPGs out there, looks like it'll live up to the standards of its predecessor. Coming out in October, NWN2 will be sporting much improved graphics (which, once again, look rather gorgeous), along with many new and improved game-play features.

In the original NWN, you could only control your own character, and have a single NPC henchman who would follow you around and bash whatever he or she thought needed bashing. This time, though, you'll have full party control with up to three NPCs, referred to as "Companions" opposed to "Henchmen." There will be advanced character customization options, including sub-races, all the original classes plus one more, all the prestige classes from NWN's expansions, and an improved crafting system (All of which can be summarized as: it's got all the original had, and more.).

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Link's head can no longer create it's own gravitational pull.

Possibly most importantly, the Dungeon Master Toolset has been revamped and included in the game. The ability to create your own modules and adventures will once again be available for NWN. Of course, if you're like me, then that doesn't matter, because you'll just let everyone else do the work of creating the modules. But, hey, for those of you who actually get a kick out of that stuff…um…yeah, this game will be good for you.

5. **FEAR: Extraction Point.** This expansion to "FEAR" will come out on October 24. A demo is already out there, for anyone who wants to get a taste of the game ahead of time. "Extraction Point" will be picking up right from where the original left off, filling in more of those unanswered questions. It'll continue with the same style of supernatural horror interspersed with incredible gunplay. With revamped AI, the enemies will be deadlier than ever. Which, of course, is not necessarily a good thing, considering how deadly they were before, but, we're the good guys; we'll win in the end.

The game will essentially star you as the same character from before, except now you're hunting down that incredibly creepy little girl named Alma. You know, the one who would appear and disappear at will and nearly caused you to soil yourself? Yeah, that one.

There are two new weapons in this game, along with new environments and enemies to spice things up from last time. Suffice it to say, this expansion should make one tasty morsel of havoc.

6. **Warhammer 40,000: Dawn of War: Dark Crusade.** Yeah, that's a mouthful, but anyone who has played the original "Dawn of War," or it's first expansion, "Winter Assault," will know it's a name to be reckoned with. "Dawn of War" was a brilliant RTS game, featuring some of the best game-play I've seen in one of them in a long time. Instead of that interminably long and, dare I say, boring, strategy of harvest resources, build huge army, go and attack, rinse and repeat; "Dawn of War" featured an active strategy, in which you had to go out and attack strategic points in order to obtain resources.

The fighting was fast and furious, and the units were really cool. I mean, you could summon a daemon. How cool is that? "Winter Assault" had more of the same, adding new units and a fifth race. "Dark Crusade" looks like it'll be more than just the icing on the cake, though; it'll be more like the 20 pound piece of delicious chocolate that somehow remains miraculously perched on top of the cake.

"Dark Crusade" will feature two new races, the Tau and the Necrons, as well as a new overall campaign game, in which your race is attempting to conquer an entire planet. You'll attack territories, build up armies and generals, and eventually crush all opposition. What's coolest is that individual territories have individual benefits for your overall campaign.

Not to mention that the Necrons are perhaps the single coolest alien species. Ever. With an October 9 release date, I can almost feel the divine presence of this game in my hands.

7. **Star Wars: Empire at War: Forces of Corruption.** Again, a mouthful, but again, excellence in CD format. Or maybe DVD format.

"Forces of Corruption," coming out in October, is the expansion to "Empire at War," a thoroughly enjoyable game that let you take command of either the Galactic Empire or the Rebel Alliance and basically beat the snot out of the other side. The game had a galactic map, on which you managed resources, construction, and overall fleet and troop movement. Then, every time you would come into conflict, the game would "zoom in" and you'd enter a tactical mode, in which you'd take control of your forces and duke it out for supremacy.

*see **Games**, page 17*

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This week in pop culture and gossip...

by Nonny Chizea '08
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SKINNY MODEL BAN IN SPAIN SPARKS DEBATE WORLDWIDE.

According to accessHollywood.com, the debates and fallouts continue in wake of Spain's "skinny model ban" at Madrid's Fashion week this season.

In order to participate in the Madrid shows, models were required to meet a standard BMI of at least eighteen, which rules out the likes of Kate Moss, Liya Kebede and Cintia.

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India's Health Minister, Anbumani Ramadoss, says he does not want to see waif-like models on the runway of his country because of the unhealthy dieting of young girls.

British designer Paul Smith told Reuters that he would like to see larger models on the runway, yet he still uses skinny models.

American designer Michal Kors told Access Hollywood that "Thin is fine, but is has to be healthy. Fashion sends a very powerful message, especially to young girls."

STEVE IRWIN REMEMBERED FOR HIS 'ZEST FOR LIFE'

A memorial service was held Wednesday for "Crocodile Hunter" Steve Irwin. "We have lost a friend, a champion actor," Russell Crowe said in a recorded tribute, "It will take some time to adjust to that." Australian Prime Minister John Howard was also among the 5,000 present at the ceremony. Steve touched the hearts of Australians and touched the hearts of millions around the world in a very special way", said Howard. Irwin, 44, an ecstatic television entertainer and conservationist, died Sept 4 when the barb from a stingray pierced his chest while he was filming a show on the Great Barrier Reef. –examiner.com

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BRITNEY SPEARS: IT'S A BOY!

Ok Magazine reported that Britney Spears and hubby Kevin Federline became proud parents of a new baby boy on September 12. Sutton Pierce weighed in at 6lbs 11oz and was delivered at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

EMINEM, NEW SHADY ARTISTS JOIN 50 CENT, LLOYD BANKS ON ***THE RE-UP***

The raw street mix tape that was intended to introduce some new Shady Records artists has turned into an album release called "Eminem Presents: The Re-Up." "What happened is that the material was so good and the tracks were getting produced like a regular album," Eminem said in a statement to *mtvnews.com* about the album he executive produced. Scheduled for a Dec. 5 release, the album introduces the likes of Stat Quo, Ca$his, and Bobby Creekwater –all are new Shady Records artists, as well as D12, Lloyd Banks, Obie Trice and Akon.

RAZZLE DAZZLES FOR USHER!

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According to mtv.com, Usher has agreed to stay an extra two weeks on the Broadway production of "Chicago". The R&B superstar made is Broadway debut in the role of shady lawyer Billy Flynn last month. His engagement at the Ambassador Theatre now ends on October 14!

Video games to look for this fall

*from **Games**, page 16*

Let me tell you, if you don't know what it's like commanding six Imperial Star Destroyers and telling them to smash the crap out of those blasted Rebels, then you haven't lived.

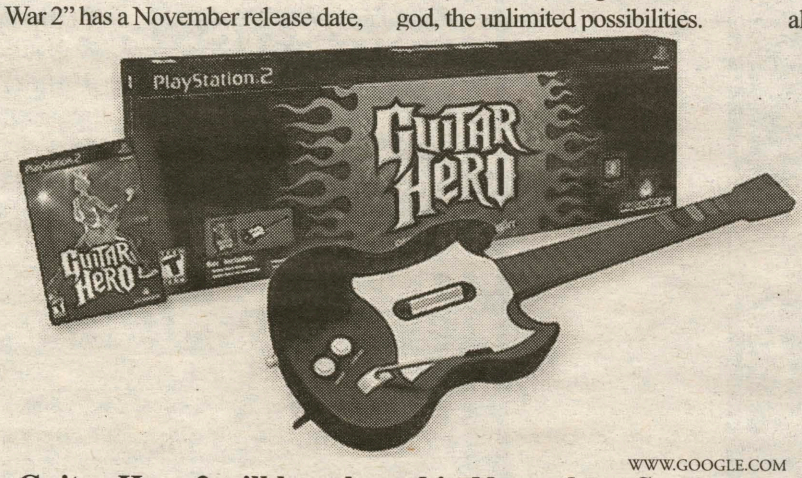
The ground battles were a bit aggravating, but in my opinion, the space battles more than made up for it. "Forces of Corruption" promises to help spice up the ground battles, though, so hopefully they will become far more enjoyable. It adds a whole new faction, a criminal empire aligned with neither Empire nor Rebels.

What's more…the game adds two Super Star Destroyers. Two. Super. Star. Destroyers. If that doesn't turn you on, then I don't know what will.

8. **Medieval: Total War 2.** The "Total War" series has, in general, been considered one of the best strategy game series ever. Featuring, once again, the strategic overall game, in which you move armies and manage your empire; and the tactical "zoom in" game, in which you take command of your armies in conflict with your enemies, this series has been kicking gaming ass for quite some time.

"Rome: Total War," the last entry in the series, spawned two expansions and was widely considered a phenomenal game. The ability to control your vast legions of Roman Legionnaires in combat against those Gauls was…how shall I say…madly enjoyable. And "Medieval: Total War 2" promises to improve on this formula.

The graphics engine was completely revamped, now making the tactical battles look even more beautiful, with better terrain, and individual soldiers appear unique from each other. To have an army of 800 mace men, each of whom is unique, is, quite simply, superbly awesome. In the strategic over-game, they've included religion, along with characters like the Pope. I don't know about you, but I sure as hell am looking forward to bossing the Pope around. "Medieval: Total War 2" has a November release date, and I am filled with anticipation.



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Guitar Hero 2 will be released in November. Start perfecting your headbanging now.

9. **Battlefield 2142.** I was never a fan of "2142's" predecessor, "Battlefield 1942," possibly just because I was never a huge fan of WW2 games. But most players agreed that "1942" and its sequel were some of the best team-based, online shooters around (if not the best).

Though I could say "no" to the predecessors, I find myself unable to turn my back upon the sequel. "2142" will be featuring the same team gameplay as players combat each other across massive landscapes…except this time, it'll feature sci-fi tech. Meaning robots. Weapons platforms. Mech warriors. Ray guns. Enough super grenades for every Easter-egg hunt worldwide. Ever.

Something about the idea of strolling out to battle alongside a 20 foot tall cybernetic killing machine sends chills running all over me. Or better yet, actually driving the 20 foot tall cybernetic killing machine…oh, god, the unlimited possibilities.

With an October release date, you will almost assuredly soon find me locked into my room, drooling over massive battles with weapons that could melt your brain from 30 paces.

10. **Guitar Hero 2.** I have only recently had the extreme privilege of enjoying the original "Guitar Hero", and let me tell you…that game will eat your soul.

Excellent rock music, coupled with the ability to pretend that you're actually playing it…it's like crack, administered straight into your mind. You will be dancing on air. And when the song ends, you will unthinkingly select the next one and go to it. Unbelievably awesome.

There were only a few possible problems with the game, including somewhat of a short play list (only about 47 songs), no practice mode, and a lack of truly good and innovative multiplayer.

"Guitar Hero 2" will take care of all of these problems. The song list has yet to be released, but Harmonix, the creators, have already assured us that it will be quite long. Not only that, but the game will feature a practice mode, in which a player will be able to practice individual parts of the song, like "Chorus 1," "Solo 1," "Solo 2," etc.

On the multiplayer front, the game will now let you and a friend play different parts to the same song. One of you will play lead guitar, the other, bass or rhythm guitar. To imagine myself playing lead guitar while my friend next to me plays bass, and we completely own "Bark at the Moon" or "Spanish Castle Magic"…such a beautiful dream.

Heavenly, even. I anxiously await this game's November release date, mainly because as soon as it comes out I intend to club someone who purchases it and steal his copy. Muahaha.

Alright, so, there you have it. The ten games I am most anticipating in coming months. We'll just have to wait and see if they live up to my expectations. Until then…May your gaming skillz be quite L33T, as the case may be. I bid thee adieu.

Hamilton Playlist

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
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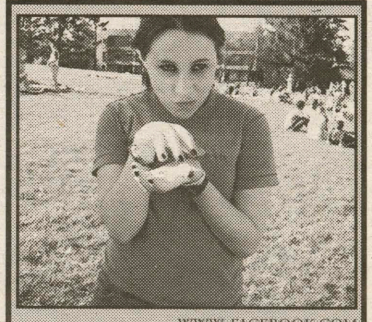
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1. *Demolition Lovers* by My Chemical Romance - "It's so wonderfully tragic."

2. *Sometimes I Just Go For It* by The Used - "It's only piano, and it switches to a minor chord at the end, making it really creepy."

3. *A Little Less Sixteen Candles, A Little More 'Touch Me'* by Fall Out Boy - "The lyrics are just awesome."

4. *Summer Shudder* by AFI - "It's really catchy."

5. *Saint Jimmy* by Green Day - "Because I love running to it, it makes me want to go fast."

6. *Modern Swinger* by The Pink Spiders - "The lyrics are great and it's been stuck in my head for three days straight."

7. *Ride the Wings of Pestilence* by From First to Last - "I love it when Sonny screams."

8. *Die Romantic* by Aiden - "Because the guys in the band are really nice, and it's an awesome song."

9. *Welcome To My Record* by Hellogoodbye - "because it blatantly mocks 'Baby's Got Back.'"

10. *Die, Die My Darling* by The Misfits - "because Glen Danzig is amazing and it's a wonderfully ironic love song.

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8, March 2000, Nevada - On Thursday afternoon, 29-year-old Andrea was working with her young and spirited Arabian horse, which she had won in a lottery the previous year. The animal was only partially trained, and still a bit spooky. Every time Andrea tried to don its bridle, the horse threw back its head and frustrated her efforts.

Then Andrea had the brilliant idea of tying a rope around the Arabian's head, and fastening the other end around her waist to keep the horse from throwing its head back. That way, she would have both hands free to fasten the bridle.

But horses are 500 times stronger than people, according to Deputy Sheriff Lance Modispacher, who reported that the horse spooked again, threw Andrea off her feet, and began running around its paddock, dragging its erstwhile trainer by the rope around her waist. And the rope was short, so she was trampled right under the horse's feet as it ran.

Her father noticed the commotion and ran to help. Unfortunately his two dogs came with him, and started chasing the horse, nipping at its heels. This did not improve Andrea's situation. He finally managed to lock the dogs away and fetch a knife from the house. With the help of a neighbor, he chased the horse down and cut the rope, freeing the lacerated lass.

But Andrea had already spent ten minutes under the hooves of her horse, and she died a few hours later at a local hospital, a victim of internal injuries and head trauma, the result of her lamentable decision to tie herself to a skittish horse.

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New crosswalk promises a safer walk across College Hill Road

by Hathaway Burden '10
Science & Technology Writer

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You may have noticed the recent trend of students striding confidently across College Hill Road without stopping to check for traffic. Early this fall, Hamilton installed a LightGuard System™ at the intersection of Martin's Way and College Hill Road. The LightGuard System™ is designed to alert cars that pedestrians are approaching the road; amber lights in the pavement, as well as a neon crosswalk sign, flash when a pedestrian passes sensors near the curb.

The system was designed by Michael Harrison from Santa Rosa, CA where LightGuard System™ has its headquarters today. Harrison began working on a model for the system, the first of which was released in 1991, after one of his close friends was killed by an automobile while crossing the road. Determined to reduce the number of fatalities between pedestrians and automobiles, Harrison has worked tirelessly to improve and patent his system. Signal heads are set into the pavement with light emitting diodes, commonly known as LEDs, approximately half an inch above the pavement. College Hill Road has five such lights on each side of the cross walk. The lights begin flashing when a pedestrian pushes a button, located on each side of the road, or simply walks through the sensors, which are also set back from the curb. Passing through the sensors then breaks an optical beam, causing the lights to go off.

The LightGuard System™, often referred to as the Smart Crosswalk™, has received international recognition for its work towards improving the safety of pedestrians. It has been honored by numerous awards, including the prestigious Washington State Community Excellence Award. In addition, the system has had publicity both domestically and internationally.

Students in general are positive about the new cross walk. Toni Sali, '10 believes "that it is very important for ensuring the safety of our community." Other are entertained by the flashing lights, such as Xiaobo Ma '10. Ma explained "I think it's fun!" "I've noticed better systems than our previous one at other schools and am glad to see that we have updated," said sophomore Matt Cashman.

Despite the new crosswalk, remember kids, you should still always look both ways!

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Baseball playoff race heats up as season ends

New York teams leading the way, Subway Series a possibility; Marlins, Phillies fighting it out

by Sean Hopper '09
Sports Contributor

With about two weeks left in the season and the playoffs approaching, we should all look back in what was a great year of baseball and look forward not only to the playoffs, but next year as well. There were cycles hit, a no-hitter tossed by a rookie, amazing catches, and most recently, between the Dodgers and Padres, the anointed "Best Game Ever." There is little reason that a baseball fan should be dissatisfied.

Coming into the season, there were large aspirations for many teams, but only some lived up while others failed. I thought that with the addition of Jim Thome and Javier Vazquez, the White Sox would not relinquish their central division title; however with only about ten games left, they are all but out of the playoff mix.

On the other hand, the team that no one thought would make the playoffs (myself included) is the Detroit Tigers. They were the hottest team in baseball for a good portion of the season, and even though they've fallen off a little bit, they're looking to make the playoffs for the first time in almost twenty years. Let's not forget the Twins. With the deadly one-two punch of Santana and Liriano, and great hitting from Justin Morneau and Joe Mauer (M&M), the Twins have secured the Wild Card Spot.

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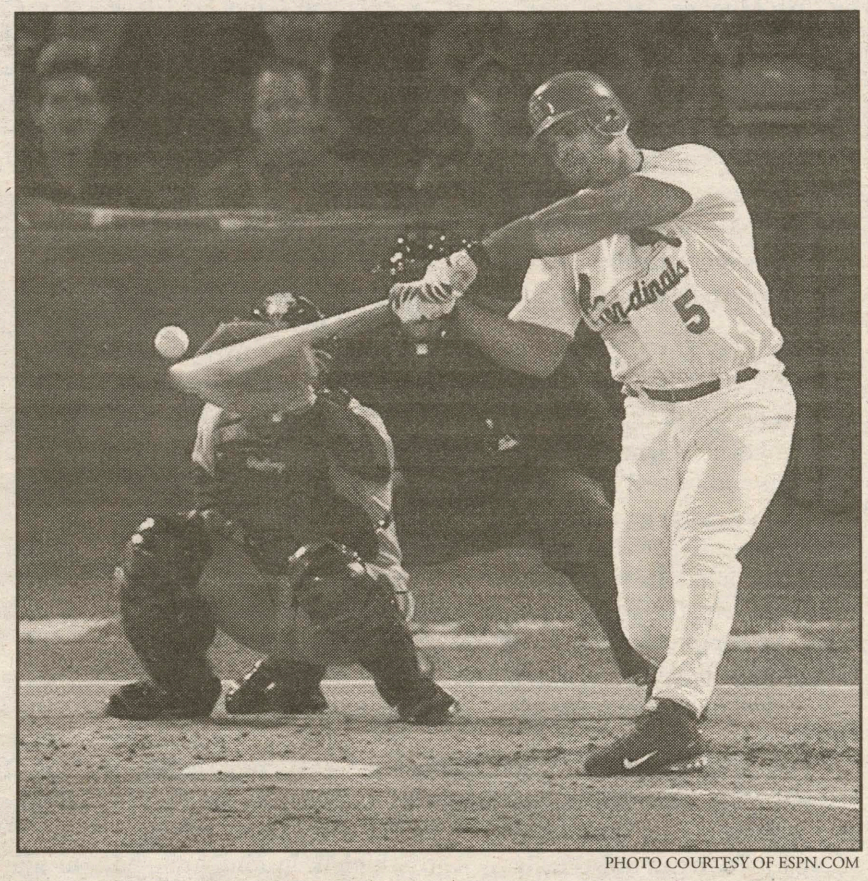
The Yankees and Red Sox were neck and neck all season until the Yankees took five games at Fenway a couple of weeks ago and recently clinched the Division title. With the additions of Josh Beckett, Mike Lowell and Coco Crisp, the Sox worried me when both Matsui and Sheffield went down with injuries. However, thanks to some mid-season trades, Bobby Abreu and Cory Lidle have given new life to the Yanks.



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Despite his perennially small budget, Billy Beane of the Oakland A's put his team in the playoffs with homegrown talent and managed to keep Vlad and the Angels out of the playoff picture.

Atlanta's streak of Division titles was finally stopped by the Mets who added plenty of offense in the off-season to bolster their lineup became the best team in the National League.

Even after getting rid of Abreu and Lidle, Ryan Howard has led the Phillies into a tie for the wild card lead. Look for the Phillies and Howard's bat to be in the playoffs come October.

Even though the Nationals didn't make the playoffs, there is still a bright spot because Alfonso Soriano became the fourth person in Major League history to hit 40 home runs and steal 40 bases.

Although the Cincinnati Reds made a push, the St. Louis Cardinals will win the title again with Albert Pujols and Chris Capenter, an NL CY Young hopeful. Where it gets interesting is in the NL West where the Padres and Dodgers are separated by one half of a game. Recently, with the Padres ahead in the ninth inning by four runs, the Dodgers hit four consecutive home runs, two off of Hall of Fame hopeful Trevor Hoffman to tie the game.

After the Padres scored in the tenth, Nomar Garciaparra hit a two-run home run to win the game. Those who watched the game were certainly part of baseball history. My prediction is that the Dodgers will make the playoffs because of an easier schedule and a better offense.

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This year has been called the year of the rookie and with just cause. The Florida Marlins, who are made up of almost all rookies, have three pitchers with at least ten wins. Of course there was Anibel Sanchez who threw a no-hitter, the first since Randy Johnson in 2004. Not to mention rookies Dan Uggla and Hanley Ramirez who put up big numbers in all offensive categories.

Additionally, there was rookie phenom Francisco Liriano, who was putting up CY Young numbers until his injury. Then there was Jered Weaver of the Angels who became the first rookie pitcher since Whitey Ford to start his career 9-0.

Now for the playoff predictions: I will give a warning that if you're not from New York then you're probably not going to like this. Look for the Yankees to beat the Twins; with the addition of Matsui their lineup is too hard to stop. The Tigers, led by Kenny Rogers, Jeremy Bonderman and Justin Verlander will beat the A's.

In a good series the Yankees will beat the Tigers and head to the World Series. The Mets will be too strong for whomever wins the West Division. The Cardinals are also too good of a team to lose to the Phillies, Dodgers or Padres. The Mets-Cardinals series will go seven games with the Mets victorious.

The Yankees and Mets will meet again for another Subway Series, but that preview, I leave for another article.

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Volleyball falls to Maine NESCACs; will host Union

by Erin Hoener '10
Sports Writer

The Hamilton College volleyball team started the season with a bang with two shut out victories in the Elmira College Invitational Tournament. First up Friday night, Hamilton swept Alfred University in three straight games with scores of 30-13, 30-28 and 30-18. Jasmine Jolly '10 and Michelle Fisher '10 posted big numbers in their first collegiate volleyball match with 13 kills from Jolly and 15 assists and 4 service aces by Fisher. On the offensive, Kristen Selden '09 had 10 kills and Julia Penrose '09 posted 24 assists, while defensively Amber O'Connor '09 had 14 digs and Allie Massaro '07 and Jess Schneidman '08 posted 10 digs a piece.

The team came back Saturday morning to sweep York College in three games with scores of 30-13, 30-16 and 30-11. Senior Captain Massaro led the assault against York with 11 kills, O'Connor served up four aces and Fisher posted a team-high 17 assists.

In the next game Hamilton faced host Elmira College. They played hard for five tight games, HC was unable to pull away with a victory, losing the match with scores of 21-30, 30-25, 27-30, 30-24 and 15-12. Although they lost the game, the girls posted some big numbers. Penrose set up 40 assists while Selden lead the team and posted career highs of 12 kills and 6 blocks. Close on her heels was Massaro, who added 11 kills and 10 digs. Defensively, Jolly put up 6 blocks and O'Connor posted a season-high 29 digs while Kristina Carroll '07 chipped in 18.

Hamilton faced off against Suny Oneonta in the third place game, again playing three tough matches but falling short of victory with scores of 30-22, 30-19 and 30-18. O'Connor led the team with 17 digs, popping up just two more than Carroll who added 15, while Schneidman and Selden put down 6 kills apiece against Oneonta.

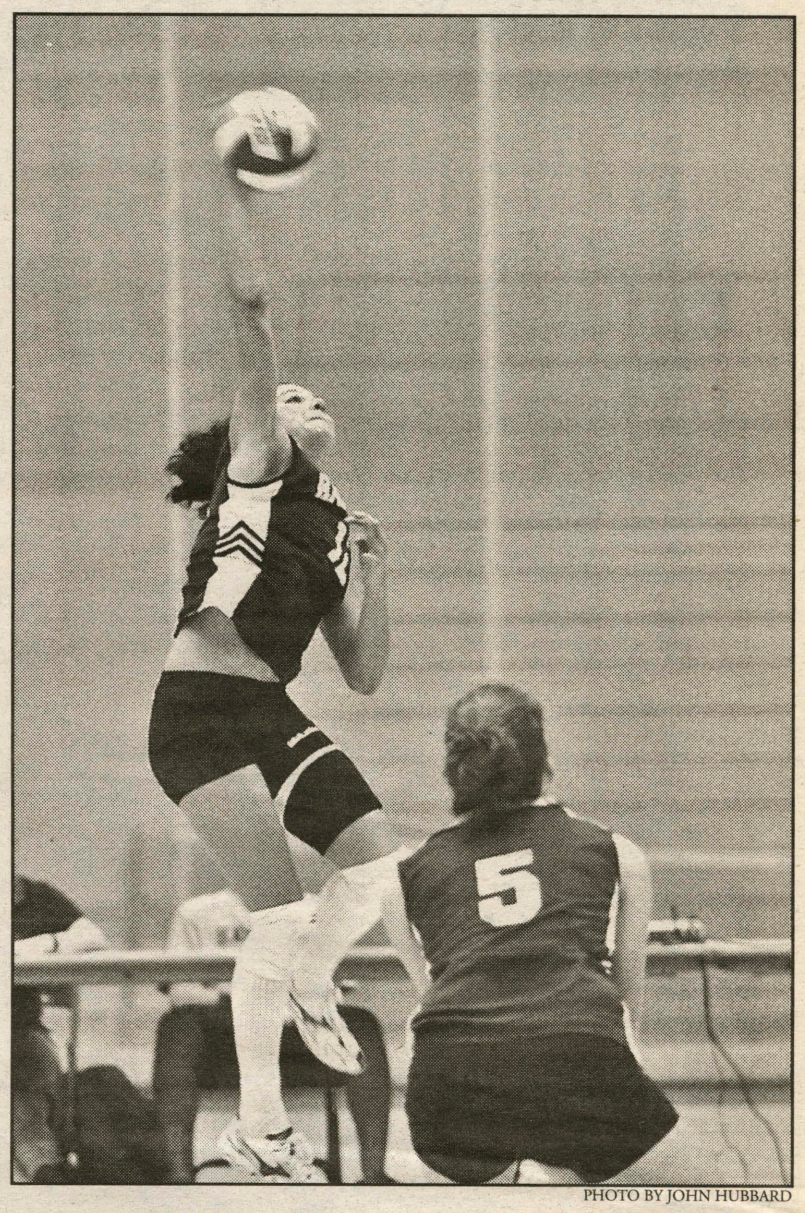
Congratulations to Selden whose continued success in the tournament garnered her a place on the Elmira College Invitational All-Tournament team.

The volleyball team put itself to the challenge, heading down to Williamstown, MA to face-off against Williams College, which is currently ranked first in the NESCAC with a conference record of 4-0. Fighting hard, Selden provided 7 kills while Chelsea Halvorson '08 had 6 digs; Carroll, 12 and O'Connor, 20. But, this was not enough to stop Williams who pulled out three victories scoring 30-13, 30-25 and 30-18.

Last weekend the volleyball team headed over to Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine to face off against three tough NESCAC conference rivals. Starting off the weekend, they played the defending NESCAC champions, Colby College. Hamilton started the match well, winning the first game 30-23, but Colby came back to win the next three games, 30-16, 30-23 and 30-15. O'Connor posted another 20 dig game while Carroll was close on her heels again with 16. Selden put down a team–best 10 kills and Jolly contributed 7. Massaro moved into fifth place on Hamilton's career digs list with 881 after adding 24 digs and four service aces.

Saturday, Hamilton faced off against the Bobcats of Bates College. Playing hard, Selden posted 15 kills and 7 blocks, the most by a continental all season, while Jolly posted 9 kills, Carroll contributed 14 digs and 3 service aces, and Julia Penrose put up 35 assists. The team stood firm, winning one game 30- 25, but lost three close games 30-21, 30-22 and 30-25.

The team then went on to play their host, Bowdoin, who is 2-0 in conference play. The Continentals fought hard with 4 kills and 2 blocks from Jolly, 7 digs from Massaro, 2 aces from Fisher and 8 assists from Penrose, but the Polar Bears overcame them in three games with scores of 30-12, 30-11 and 32-30.



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On Thursday, September 20 the team headed across town to local rival Utica College where the team put an end to their losing streak in a four game match with three decisive victories at 30-25, 30-26, 27-30, 30-26. Massaro contributed 11 kills, while Selden posted a career-high 15 kills and 4 solo blocks.

The Volleyballers will be taking on Union College this Saturday, September 23, at 11:00 a.m. to open up the season at home, so wake up early and head on over to the Scott Field House to cheer them to victory.

Women's Tennis plays in ITA Champs this weekend

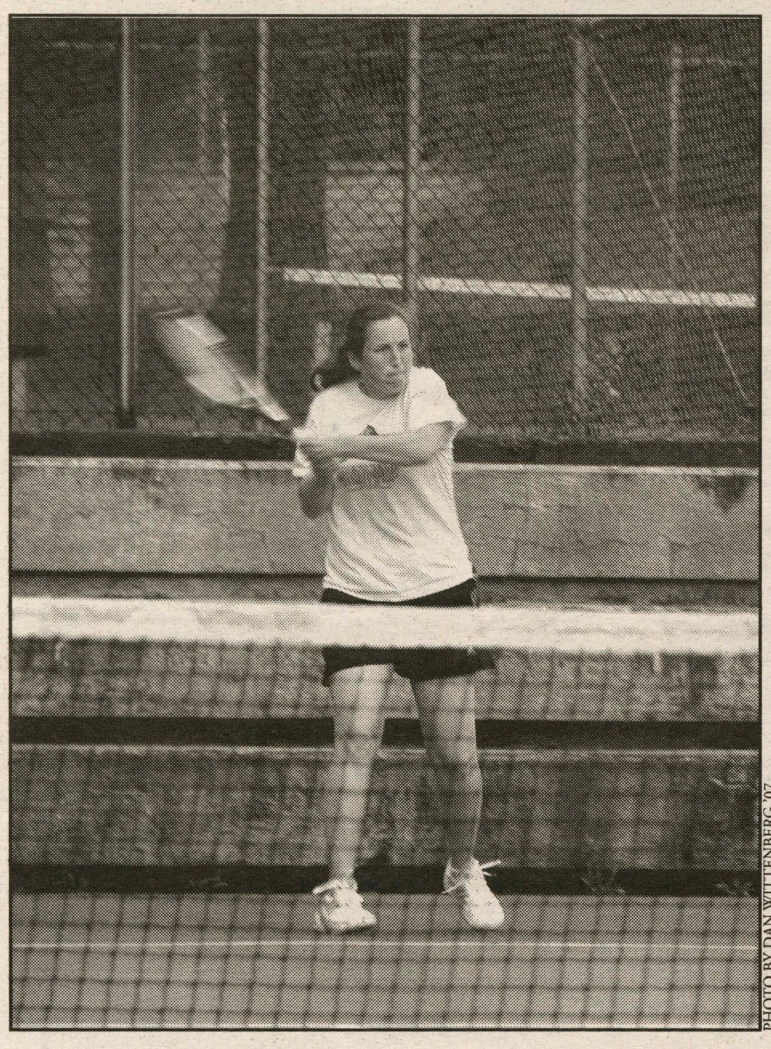
PHOTO BY DAN WITTENBERG '07

by Maura Donovan '09
Sports Writer

Last Wednesday, September 13, the Hamilton women's tennis team proved that they are ready for another successful season with a smashing win at Union. Weather conditions were less than optimal, but the young team approached the contest with enthusiasm nonetheless. The afternoon started off with doubles play on outdoor courts at Union. Hamilton took two of the three doubles games. First time pair Sarah Sallan '09 and Lindsay Walsh '07 worked well together to defeat Union's third doubles slot: 8-6. Freshmen newcomers Laura Brantley and Emily Poe surprised and impressed everyone with an easy cruise to victory at second flight: 8-3. Upperclassman Kara Powers '08 was especially pleased with the freshmen's performances because even though "it's a lot of pressure to play your first college match, they showed great confidence and composure on the court".

However, after the doubles games a consistent rainfall began forcing the women to drive to indoor courts and continue the competition at the local fitness club. Luckily, the dreary weather didn't dampen their spirits and the team proved just as successful, finishing winning four out of the six singles slots. Every win proved challenging as Union proved to be no easy foe. Kara Powers '08 summarized: "Patience was important for yesterday's match because Union's style of play is very consistent, they're like backboards. So a lot of the girls had really long matches, three of the singles had to play three sets". Performing at the Continental's number one slot, however, didn't seem to faze Powers as she easily defeated her opponent 6-3, 6-0. Fourth and Fifth singles were similar with wins by Emily Poe '10 and Brittany Horn '07, respectively. The matches that went into three sets proved much more difficult for Hamilton. Marni Powers '08 had a great middle set, taking it 3-6, but falling behind in the first and third left her defeated at second singles. Julia Houlden '09 was just barely overtaken by Union's sixth singles player (0-6, 7-5, 6-0). Laura Brantley '10 however, was not giving in to Union's endurance at third singles. This ambitious slot for a freshman did not intimidate Brantley even when she fell behind in the second set. Eventually she came back and finished ahead 7-6, 1-6, 6-3.

This match was an excellent start to Hamilton's season. The team is very young with only five upperclassmen. Seniors Brittany Horn and Lindsay Walsh are leading the women to success, supported by juniors Lesley Castellano, Kara Powers and Marni Powers. Sophomores Elizabeth Goheen, Julia Holden, Elizabeth McDonald, Ashley Pardoe and Sarah Sallan make up the core of the team and look to improve on their performances from last year. The freshman trio of Laura Brantley, Emily Poe and Mary Wilder has already made their mark and are expected to continue to help out in many ways. To do so well against a competitive opponent such as Union started everyone off on the right foot and created a lot of optimism. "I have a positive outlook for the season, we have a great group of girls!" says Kara Powers.

The team hopes to continue this winning streak and consistent play into the rest of the fall. The season is short, consisting of only two other dual games against Rensselaer and William Smith during the last week of September, both of which are at Hamilton. First, all eyes are on the ITA Northeast Regional Championships this Friday through Sunday, September 22-24.

The top three singles players and two doubles teams will compete at William Smith College in Geneva, New York against other area colleges. Based on the team's performance last week, Regionals are sure to be successful and exciting for Hamilton College women's tennis!

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Birthday: **2/1/86**

Concentration:
Chinese & Economics

Location on Campus: **South**

Relationship Status: **Status?**

Sport & Position/Events: **Golf**

Greatest High School Sports Memory/Achievement:
2004 Section III Individual Golf Champ

Greatest College Sports Memory/ Achievement:
Liberty League Champions Freshman year

Please describe yourself in 3 words:
Living the Dream

Favorite Celebrity: **Chris Farley**

Favorite Professor:
Professor Navin; he knows it all.

Favorite Movie(s): **"Tommy Boy"**

Favorite Food:
Corned beef and cabbage on St. Patty's Day

Favorite Music:
Red Hot Chili Peppers

Favorite TV Show:
"Seinfeld"

McEwen or Commons:
The Diner

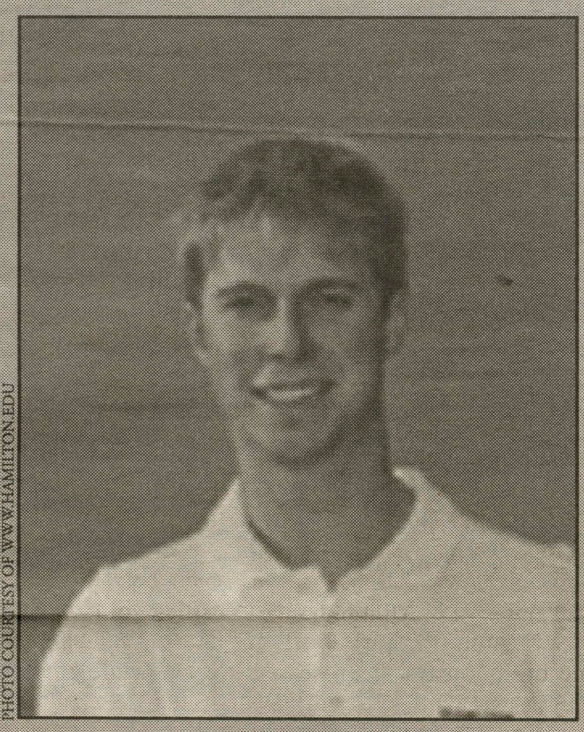
Fondest Hamilton Memory:
Any night in Wally J last year. You think you know, but you have no idea.

Elliptical or Treadmill?
I play golf, enough said.

Last Movie You Saw in Theaters:
"Miami Vice"

Best Party You've Attended at Hamilton:
Psi U Halloween Party my freshman year: something about being ankle-deep in beer makes any party that much better.

If you didn't play golf what would you do on campus?
Find another sport that requires absolutely no physical fitness whatsoever. Probably start a bowling team.



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Jacksonville @ Indianapolis, 9/24	Colts	Jacksonville	Colts	Colts	Jacksonville
Carolina @ Tampa Bay, 9/24	Carolina	Tampa Bay	Carolina	Carolina	Carolina
Denver @ New England, 9/24	New England	Denver	New England	New England	New England
Atlanta @ New Orleans, 9/25	New Orleans	Atlanta	New Orleans	Atlanta	Atlanta
NCAA Football					
#22 Arizona St. @ #21 Cal, 9/23	Arizona St.	Cal	Cal	Cal	Cal
Minnesota @ Purdue, 9/23	Purdue	Minnesota	Purdue	Purdue	Minnesota
#24 Penn St. @ #1 Ohio St., 9/23	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.
Harvard @ Brown, 9/23	Brown	Harvard	Brown	Brown	Harvard
MLB					
LA Angels @ Oakland, 9/23	Oakland	Angels	Oakland	Oakland	Oakland
Florida @ Philadelphia, 9/23	Philadelphia	Florida	Philadelphia	Florida	Philadelphia
Cubs @ Cincinnati, 9/23	Cubs	Cubs	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Cubs
St. Louis @ Houston, 9/23	Houston	St. Louis	St. Louis	St. Louis	St. Louis

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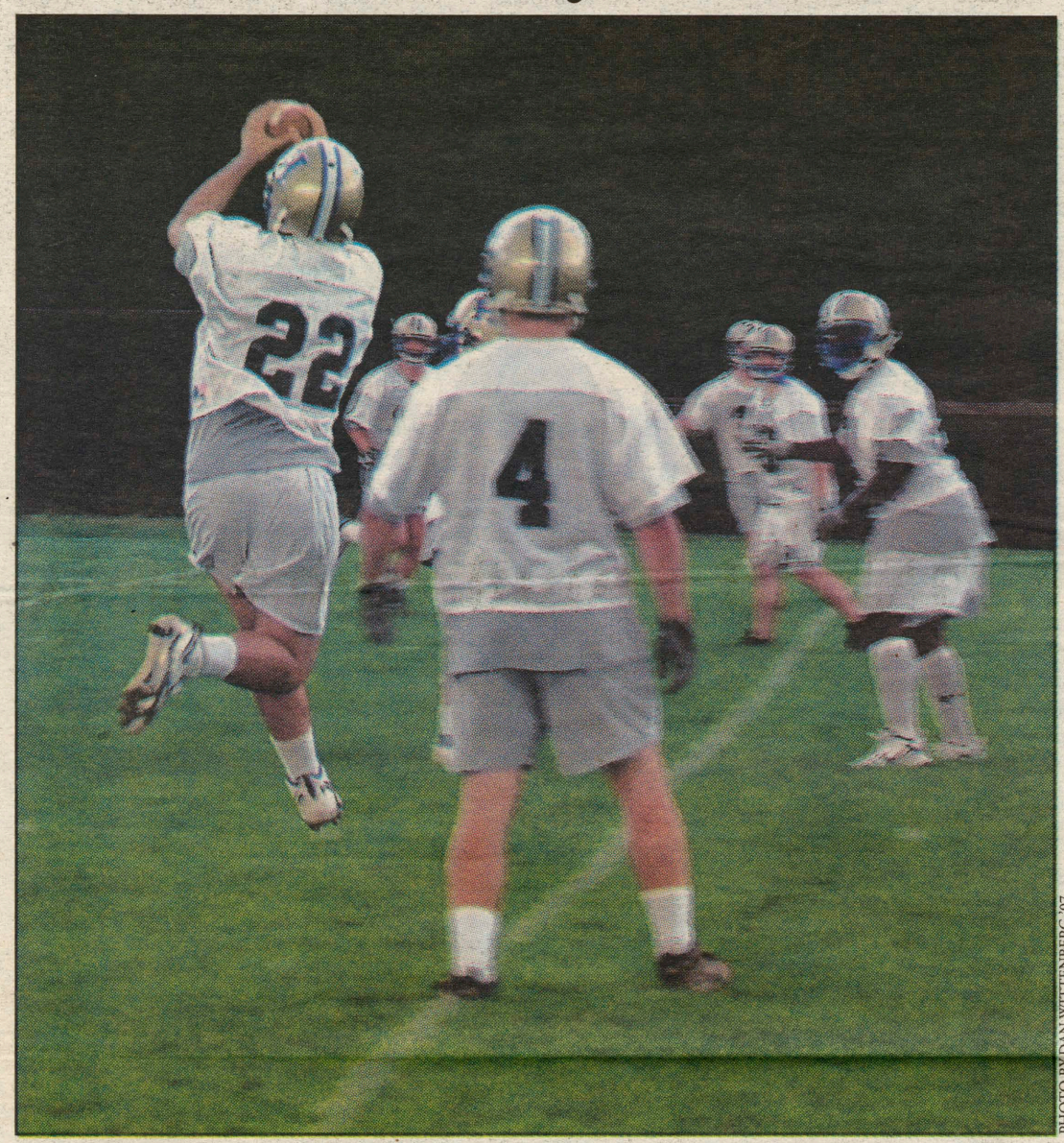
Football ready for Saturday's opener at Tufts



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by Brandon Leibsohn '10
Sports Writer

A new era of Hamilton football begins this Saturday against division foe Tufts University. There have been numerous changes made to this team to improve upon the last few years of under-performance. Most notably, a new coaching staff hopes to lead Hamilton back to being a great team with high expectations. Last season presented the football team with a series of problems that hopefully have been corrected with the new coaches and players. Head Coach Steve Stetson's expects to improve the team's chemistry, intelligence and intensity this season. These goals help remind his players to stay focused on winning games and becoming better suited to earn respect from the rest of the NESCAC.

Tufts University presents a big challenge for the Hamilton squad on both sides of the field. However, most important to this game will be the offense. Last year, Hamilton had trouble scoring the ball and inevitably was almost doubled by their opponents in every offensive category. To correct this problem, Coach Stetson has developed the philosophy that, "First downs lead to touchdowns. We need to make sure that the players understand what we are doing and get our good players into open spaces."

This appears to be a good approach; it puts the pressure on the players to concentrate on making the little steps before the big ones. In order to score, plays need to develop in a way that yards are gained, not lost. Tufts defense does return two key starters from last season who want to make a name for themselves. It could spell trouble for Hamilton if they are forced to throw the ball each time; Tufts' two stellar cornerbacks will be ready to pounce on any ineffective play that comes their way. This means that the running game is going to have to be solid and force Tufts to make adjustments in order for them to prevent Hamilton from gaining first downs. The offensive line is going to have make sure they get their blocks in and allow for the quarterback and running back to have enough time to make smart decisions with the football.

Offensive tackle Mike Bourbeau '10 had this to say when asked about the upcoming game, "I feel that we are gaining experience everyday while preparing for the upcoming season with our new innovative plays. Tufts is a physical team, but that could turn into a liability as we are a fast team and we might just have a few tricks up our sleeves." This type of attitude allows for Hamilton to work hard in practice with the goal catching their opponents off guard.

Speed is going to be the key on defense. Tufts likes to run the ball, and with improvement from their tailback Will Forde '09, the quickness of their offense will be their main weapon. To combat this, Hamilton will need to be prepared to stop the running game by forcing Forde to stay inside and not cutback to the outside where he can use his speed to his advantage. Therefore, the linebackers are going to need to make plays and not let Tufts break tackles for huge gains on offense. Yet, with most of the defense left intact from last season, this shouldn't be as much of an issue as in years past. Nose Guard Harry Jung '10 believes that, "Practice makes perfect. A key component of our team is intensity. If our practices are an indication of what we will do in the game, I expect us to come out victorious. Every player is going to leave their heart out on the field and make sure that Hamilton is becomes a force to be reckoned with in the NESCAC."

Hamilton football is ready to step up to the challenge and make this season a success.

Men's golf hopes for NCAA berth

by Max Currier '10
Sports Writer

For the varsity men's golf team, the last two weeks have proven to be an excellent start to the season. With a first place finish at the Bowdoin Invitational two weekends ago, second place at Le Moyne on September 14, and sixth place last weekend at Middlebury, Dan Treichler '08 says that the success "will give us confidence going into the NESCAC Tournament, which is in two weeks."

At the Bowdoin Invitational, Hamilton, finishing with a combined five player score of 604, was led by Dave Christie '09, who shot an even-par 144 over two rounds. Head Coach Al Highducheck said, "The win was a new hurdle for the team in that it was the first win in a 36 hole event away from home since I've been coach. It's more of a mental thing in that they now know that they 'belong." And rightfully so. The Bowdoin Invitational is even more significant because it is a good representation of how the NESCAC Tournament will look in two weeks. "Since all the teams [likely to be at the NESCAC Tournament] were at the tournament [at Bowdoin] it is great for us to have won," Treichler added. Why the hype over the NESCAC Tournament? Not only does the winner achieve satisfaction and notoriety, but also receives a bid to the NCAA Tournament in the spring.

At the Mike Bello Invitational on September 14, hosted by Le Moyne, the team was led by Mike Hayes '08, who shot a 1-under 71. The score, one of only two at or under par, was tied with Le Moyne's Tim Martins for the best of the match. Hayes disposed of Martins with the best score on a playoff hole to earn lowest scorer honors. Hamilton finished second overall with an 18-over 306.

And at the 23rd Duke Nelson Invitational last weekend at Middlebury, Hayes again blew away the competition. He shot a combined two round 1-under 141 as the only player to shoot at or below par and one of only three who shot below 5-under. The team finished sixth overall with a total of 305.

Coach Highducheck commented, "Others and myself have all noticed that the general level of play and scoring in Division III in the Northeast Region has gotten much better in the last two years." But Hamilton has kept up quite well.

Dan Treichler said, "This is definitely the most talented team that we have had since I have been on the team." He added, "Hayes has been carrying the team so far this season but if we have a tournament where we put it together we can definitely do something special." The synergy of the team's talent potential could very well earn the Continentals their first trip back to the NCAA Tournament since 1999.

Yesterday the team played an individual match with no team scores at Le Moyne and tomorrow the team begins a weekend tournament at Williams. Coach Highducheck says the upcoming matches "will be another good challenge for the team to see if we can maintain our consistency."

This week in Hamilton Athletics:

Friday 9/22:
Soccer (M) @ Rensselaer
Soccer (W) vs. Rensselaer
Field Hockey @ William Smith

Saturday 9/23:
Football @ Tufts
Volleyball vs. Union/Clarkson
Golf @ Williams Invitational
Soccer (M) @ Vassar
Soccer (W) vs. Vassar
Field Hockey @ Rochester

Tuesday 9/26:
Tennis (W) vs. Rensselaer
Soccer (M) vs. Ithaca

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